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CASTRO JEALOUS OF HIS HONOR

Willing to Go to Venezuela and
Prove Honesty of His
Intentions

ACTIONS WERE JUSTIFIED

Declares He Did Not Know
That Political Change
Would Occur

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Senor Castro left the hospital and returned to the Esplanada hotel this morning. He granted an interview to the Associated Press correspondent tonight. The former president was asked if there was any truth in the statement published in various newspapers to the effect that he left Venezuela knowing what was going to happen. Senor Castro, who was already greatly irritated over unfounded reports concerning his movements and affairs, at first refused to discuss the matter, and then calmly made the following reply: "No, for had I even suspected such a thing I would have remained in Venezuela, even had my life been imperiled through ill-health, because I always have been and am now a slave to honor and duty. The only fear I have is the fear of God."

"It is rumored that the Venezuelan government will request your extradition from Germany, in order to indict you," Castro was informed.

"I do not consider that possible," replied Castro, since no such convention is in existence between Venezuela and Germany. The only convention between the two countries relates to trade-marks, and is dated 1882. Extrajudicial treaties exist only with Belgium, Spain and Bolivia. But even supposing such an intention exists, only the slightest hint is necessary, and I am willing to go to Venezuela and prove my political honor. I believe I should be the gainer by this public opinion. In regard to international affairs concerning the foreign policy of Venezuela, I would suggest that an international tribunal should judge me, to prove that Venezuela has right and reason, provided that if such right should be proven justice might be accorded to Venezuela and to me."

Senor Castro declined for the present to give any further statement, but he discussed the events in Venezuela since the change in government, expressing pleasure that there had been so little bloodshed there. He thought his brother, General Celestino Castro, had acted correctly in obeying orders to submit and give up the arms and ammunition in his charge, thus avoiding a conflict.

Concerning the intention of President Gomez to settle the outstanding foreign questions, Castro believed that Gomez was acting as he thought best, but declared that the action of Venezuela hitherto was justified. He did not intend, however, to interfere in the progress of events, and had not communicated with Venezuela in any way.

Castro is still under the care of Dr. Israel, who consented to his return to the hotel, as the hospital surroundings were adversely affecting his patient. Senor Castro goes out daily in an automobile. He lives quietly, and is strictly following the regime laid out for him. Dr. Israel says that an operation will not be necessary. His patient's ailment is painful, although not dangerous.

Western Canneries

Regina, Sask., Dec. 29.—Malcolm's western canneries company is holding a meeting here today to devise means of securing an additional \$150,000 out of the shareholders to start the plant at Medicine Hat in operation. The meeting was held behind closed doors, and members of the company present numbered about a dozen. They refused to hand out an official statement of the business done.

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Fourteen Years for Ruef
San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Ruef was sentenced to fourteen years in prison.

Rumored Mine Disaster
Roanoke, Va., Dec. 29.—Meagre reports of a coal mine disaster at Lick Branch, Va., reached here tonight. Between forty and sixty men are said to have been imprisoned.

Calgary Suicide
Calgary, Dec. 29.—R. Sydnor, a bar tender, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the head. The death was instantaneous. He has a wife living in Brookville, Ont.

U. S. Fleet in Red Sea
Suez, Dec. 29.—The American battleship fleet, under Rear Admiral Sperry, passed Perim, at the entrance of the Red Sea, at noon today. All on board the fleet are well. The vessels are due here January 3.

Mayor of Ottawa.
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Charles Hopewell was elected by acclamation mayor of Ottawa. During the past year Mr. Hopewell was a member of the board of control. The new board of control will be selected from the following: Controllers Huxley, Champagne, and Davidson; Ald. G. H. Wilson; Mr. P. M. Draper and ex-Ald. C. C. Pepper.

Railways for Alberta
Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Premier Ruthenford and Attorney-General Cross of Alberta, are here today in consultation with Vice-President Mann of the Canadian Northern railway. It is well understood that the Canadian Northern is anxious to build many branch lines in Alberta, and the government will render the necessary assistance for the company to accomplish this. Next year is likely to be a record year in railroad building in the province of Alberta.

Peace With Yaquis.
Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 29.—The long war with the Yaqui Indians in Mexico, in which scores have been killed at different times, including many Americans, has been terminated by a treaty of peace agreed upon by the Indian chiefs and their followers, and the governor of the State of Sonora, Mexico. The scene enacted at the treaty agreement was a remarkable one, concluding with the Yaquis and participating in a joint celebration lasting all night.

TENDERS RECEIVED FOR WINNIPEG WORK

Eastern Contractors Who Offer
to Construct City's Power
Plant

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—Tenders amounting to one million dollars for construction on the city power plant were opened at noon today. A large number of tenders were put in, among them from eastern Canada being: Potlatch Co., Montreal; transmission cables, E. T. Phillips, Montreal; Dominion Wire Manufacturing Co., Montreal; Northern Aluminum Co., Shawinigan Falls; Steel towers, Canadian Bridge Co., Walkerville; P. J. Shapley and Mair, Brantford; W. F. Klemp, Montreal, Canada Foundry Co., Toronto; erection of transmission system, R. Mackenzie and Co., Hamilton; President Wm. Mackenzie of the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway and Power Co., who is the city's treasury, spoke freely concerning the municipal power scheme, and expressed the opinion that it would not be a profitable venture for the city.

A special meeting of the citizens' committee on hospital maintenance was held today, when a most satisfactory report was made. The amount collected this year is thirty thousand dollars, against eight thousand last year.

Winnipeg retail merchants report Christmas sales as the largest in their history.

Premiers Roblin, Scott and Rutherford had a conference here today and discussed government ownership of elevators. A definite announcement may be expected at any time.

May Carriek of Port Arthur, who is here today, says he has completed arrangements with the C. N. Railway for the erection of a hotel to cost a quarter of a million.

Cobalt's Ore Production
Toronto, Dec. 29.—Cobalt ore shipments this year will exceed ten million dollars. Last week's total was 460 tons. Total for the year 19,250 tons. Last year's total was 14,000 tons.

Earthquake Recorded
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The earthquake in Italy was well recorded at the Dominion observatory here. The first preliminary tremor was felt for 11 hours 13 minutes 4 seconds on December 27.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The earthquake shocks in Italy were recorded by the seismograph at the Dominion observatory here.

Canadian Northern's Link
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—It is understood that of the applications which the Canadian Northern railroad will bring before parliament next session, the one of greatest importance is that for the construction of a line from Port Arthur to Sudbury, to connect the Mackenzie and Main interests in eastern and western Canada.

Forestry Conference
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of forestry at Washington, arrived in Ottawa today to convey to the Canadian government from President Roosevelt an invitation to take part in the international conference in Washington next February relative to the preservation of the natural resources of North America. The Dominion authorities are favorable to acceptance of the invitation, and it is probable that several delegates will be appointed, including men who are competent to speak on forestry, fisheries, mineral and other natural resources of Canada. Mr. Pinchot has been invited by the Canadian club to become its guest at luncheon some day this week.

DEAD IN ITALY NUMBER 100,000

Latest Estimate of Results of
Severe Earthquake in the
South

FLOOD AND FIRE HORRORS

Chies Bordering on Straits Are
Scenes of Fearful De-
vastation

Rome, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina, in Sicily, and Reggio and a score of other towns in southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabrian region laid waste. This is the earthquake's record so far as at present known from the reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

The death list in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000. That of Reggio, with its adjacent villages, numbers 45,000 people and includes almost the entire population. At Balmi one thousand are reported dead; at Cassano 1,000; at Cosenza 500, and half of the population of Bagbara, about 4,000. The Monteleone region has been devastated, and Riposto, San Giovanni, Scilla, Lazzaro, Cannitello and all other communities and villages bordering on the straits are in ruins.

The King and Queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina, having sailed tonight from Naples aboard the battleship Vittoria Emmanuela. The Pope has shown the greatest distress at the calamity, and he himself was the first to contribute a sum amounting to \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted. British, French and Russian warships are steaming towards the south, and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have reached Sicily. Officers and men of these ships have performed heroic services in the work of rescue.

It is feared that many foreigners have been killed, as a number of the hotels at Messina, and doubtless at other places, were crowded with tourists. Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers stationed at these points, although the Italian government is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt on their account.

There is the gravest danger that a pestilence will follow the destruction of the towns, where on account of the vast havoc wrought bodies will lie unburied for days and weeks. Those who escaped death, many of whom are badly injured, are making their way by the thousands to the nearest places of refuge. The sufferings even must be intense, as they are without food, clothing, shelter and medicine. Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and war, and which was the centre of yesterday's terrestrial maelstrom, was shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction and to burn alive untold numbers, helplessly pinned beneath fallen walls and broken timbers. The strait of Messina was shaken and twisted by the earth's trembling, for mariners report the channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked and inundated, and all the lighthouses along the coast were swallowed up. Navigation is now dangerous in all places, which was only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1905. Reggio was the centre of the earth's upheaval. The seaport of Reggio is reported as no longer existing, and the city proper is in ruins. The loss of life on both sides of the straits and in eastern Sicily was enormous. One of the refugees from Reggio, who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction, tried to make his way to Sicily in his sailboat, but was compelled to return and finally found safety at a peninsular port. In describing his experience he said: "The sea was strangely, mysteriously agitated, and the waves were ablaze. Nearing Sicily, the clearing of the air revealed the mystery; Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of despair I turned my boat back to Calabria."

Overwhelmed
Starving, bleeding from injuries and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions, abandoning hundreds of their fellow citizens to their fate, imprisoned in the wreckage of tumbling buildings, one of those who escaped said: "The earth seemed suddenly to drop, and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses rent in twain, were spun around like tops as they ran through the street. Many fell crushed to death, and others, bewildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon met the fate of their companions."

Already British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messina. Sailors and marines have been disembarked, and they have performed many courageous acts in rescuing the injured and removing the wounded. Large numbers of survivors have been transferred to the warships, which are transformed into great hospitals. It is imperative that the dead be removed from the ruins in order to avoid pestilence. Steamers with doctors, surgeons, firemen and workmen have arrived from Catania and other places.

Special despatches received from Calabria confirm the destruction of Reggio. They report that the situation is as bad as, if not worse than at Messina. The streets in Rome are crowded with people, who snatch the special editions from the newsboys. The people are plunged in grief, and lamentations are heard on all sides. Here and there one asks another: "When will end, this awful repetition of devastation and death in our country?"

The hands of all the nations have been extended to Italy in her affliction. From rulers have come messages of condolence and from the people spontaneous promises of that aid which brings the world closer together in times of great calamity. Great Britain, France and Russia have sent their warships, quick as the telegraph could flash the order, to render assistance to the stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started and a hundred ships and trains are on their way carrying supplies and reinforcements to the south. Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen. Today all the ambassadors and ministers expressed sympathy with M. Tittoni, minister of foreign affairs, whose emotion was profound. The bourses and theatres have been closed throughout Italy, and despatches of sympathy continue to pour in from all quarters of the globe.

At the time of the earthquake the torpedo boat Sapho was lying in the harbor at Messina and one of the officers told of the occurrence as follows: "At half past five in the morning the sea suddenly became terribly agitated, seeming literally to pick up our boat and shake it. Other craft nearby were similarly treated and the ships looked like corks."

Rome, Dec. 29.—Queen Helena has refused to allow her husband, the King, to go alone to the scene of the disaster. She said she would not give up her privilege of sharing her husband's danger and consequently both bands of Rome this afternoon together for the south. The royal couple arrived earlier in the day from Naples.

The Queen explained to a member of her entourage that she considered it her duty to do all in her power to comfort and help her afflicted subjects. Their Majesties left the railroad station here at half past one. Just before the train pulled out they embraced their four children who are in no sense aware of the gravity of the catastrophe. A number of ministers, senators and deputies, together with the mayor of Rome, were at the station to bid farewell to the King and Queen.

On the Continent
Paris, Dec. 29.—Western Europe is in the grip of an exceptionally cold wave. France has experienced a veritable blizzard accompanied by a heavy fall of snow. Traffic in the streets of Paris is paralyzed, but the lakes in the parks are gay with skaters.

RELIEF MEASURES.

The pope would like to go to the south, but this his physicians will not permit, on account of his health. He has telegraphed the archbishops of Palermo and Catania and the Bishops of Mileto and Catanzaro, expressing his deepest affliction in the appalling calamity, and ordering the saying of prayers. He asks also what money is required, as he desires to contribute funds to cope with the situation.

Premier Giolitti has appointed a national commission to succor the unfortunate. The president of the organization is the Duke of Aosta. The king has made a generous contribution to the relief fund. Ministers of Public Works, Berdini, and Minister of Justice Orlando have left Rome for Sicily. Signor Orlando is a Sicilian.

A report of technical observations from the observatory at Messina says the earthquake lasted for twenty-three seconds only. It was accompanied by remarkable atmospheric phenomena. The surcharges of air were filled with sparks and flashes of flames which flared up until the heavens seemed afire. The crest of the earth appeared suddenly to drop. These phenomena were followed by distinct lateral oscillations that threw the panic-stricken people off their feet as they rushed to the streets.

All telegrams from the straits are coming with great delay.
Straits are "Twisted."
Palermo, Dec. 29.—Navigators who came in here from the straits of Messina report that the straits have taken an entirely new shape since the earthquake. They describe them as "twisted." Many villages and forts along the straits have been destroyed. Lighthouses have been swallowed up by the sea, and navigation is impossible at night and dangerous by day.

One of the survivors picked up at sea by the steamer Washington was a man named Francesco L. Jacone. He was wounded and unconscious. On recovering he called wildly for his wife and children. All efforts to quiet him were useless, and he insisted that the steamer put him ashore. Finally he came to his senses, and springing suddenly to his feet he jumped overboard, still calling for his wife and baby. He started swimming toward the land, but soon disappeared beneath the water.

The King and Queen of Italy coming down with medicines and dressings for the care of the wounded, has created a splendid impression here. A navy hospital ship left here this afternoon for Messina.

All in Ruins.
A traveller returned from the other side of the straits says that Reggio, San Giovanni, Cancelli, Scilla and all the other communities and villages bordering on the straits are in ruins. Great numbers of dead are believed to be still under the wreckage. The British ship Ebro came in here this afternoon from Messina. She has on board 16 wounded, including Alfred J. Ogston, the British vice-consul at Messina. Mrs. Ogston lost her life, but the consul's daughter was saved. Mr. Ogston describes the destruction of Messina as "frightful beyond words, and exceeding in horror the wildest flights of the imagination."

One of the trains that came in here from Messina this afternoon brought the widow of the chief of police of that city and her son. Both seemed half crazed with grief. They made frantic efforts to save the life of the husband and father and the other children, but in vain. The clothes of the widow and her son were literally in rags. The reported death of Deputy Nicola Fulici and his wife has been confirmed. Ludovico Fulici, who was also a deputy, was also in the wreck of his brother's home.

Reggio's Calamity.
Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 29.—Refugees are beginning to come here from

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FIERCE STORM SWEEPS EUROPE

Blizzard in United Kingdom
Has Raged for More Than
Two Days

DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE

Heavy Snowfall Badly Blocks
Railway and Street Car
Traffic

London, Dec. 29.—The whole of the United Kingdom is in the grip of a violent blizzard, which has raged 48 hours.

Northern railway service and 'street car' traffic have been paralyzed. Many towns are isolated, and numerous accidents and deaths from exposures have been reported, as well as several shipping casualties, but fortunately not attended by serious loss of life.

London is covered with a mantle of snow several inches in depth, while in Scotland and the north of Wales, snow drifts have blocked roads and railways. The cross-channel services and the telegraph and telephone lines in all directions have been suspended, and all outdoor labor has ceased. Farmers are suffering severely in the loss of cattle and sheep.

The Scotland express bound for London is snowed up eighteen miles from Aberdeen, and the passengers were forced to spend the night on board. The London express for Aberdeen had a similar experience.

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FOR CONSIDERATION OF RAILWAY MATTERS

Commission's Sittings in West
—Rules for Railway
Employees

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Following are approximate dates for the railway commission sittings during its western circuit: Winnipeg, Feb. 1 to 10; Regina, Feb. 11 and 12; Medicine Hat, Feb. 15 and 16; Calgary, Feb. 17 and 18; Edmonton, Feb. 19 and 20; Vancouver, Feb. 23 to 26; Victoria, Feb. 27; with Nelson and Lethbridge to follow at dates to be fixed.

After many conferences with the brotherhoods of railway trainmen and officials of the different railways, the railway commission has given judgment and promulgated orders for the better protection of railway employees. The orders are of interest to trainmen all over the Dominion.

All enginemen must be over 21 years of age, and must have served at least one year as fireman before being appointed to such position.

Conductors must also serve at least one year as brakeman and be over 21 years of age.

Telegraph operators must be over 18 years of age, able to write a legible hand, and be able to pass the necessary examination in train rules.

Every employee of a railway company engaged in operating trains shall, before undertaking such duties, be required to undergo a color test by a competent examiner.

Died Suddenly
Toronto, Dec. 29.—George Duncan, secretary of the Standard stock exchange, and a well known city broker, died suddenly in his bed this morning of heart failure. He had been in excellent health up to the time of his death.

Fire at the Sault.
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 29.—Another disastrous fire visited the Canadian Soo yesterday morning by which the handsome Hussey block in the west end of the city was completely destroyed, and the coronation block, adjoining, badly damaged. The loss is placed at \$50,000. One man, Alexander Kemp, aged 65, is believed to have perished in the flames.

Hawkesbury Tragedy
Hawkesbury, Ont., Dec. 29.—The town was thrown into excitement by a double shooting in which J. M. Assaly, a wealthy Syrian merchant, was fatally wounded, and a woman, also a Syrian, was badly wounded and will probably die. The shooting was done by Salim Assaly, a brother of the wounded man, who in the excitement escaped. J. M. Assaly died this morning, and the wounded woman, Mrs. Buteras, with whom he boarded, was sent to a hospital in Montreal.

Objection to Immigration Work
London, Dec. 29.—W. R. Trotter, representative of Canadian labor in Great Britain, in an interview today said he had laid a statement before the parliamentary committee of the allied union congress and members of the labor party, and received the assurance that the facts submitted, principally from government publications, in respect to immigration into Canada, should receive the widest possible circulation among their fellow workers. Mr. Trotter severely criticized the immigration methods of the Salvation Army and has fifty letters from unemployed in Toronto, all of whom were sent by the Salvation Army since last May. Mr. Trotter will tour the United Kingdom.

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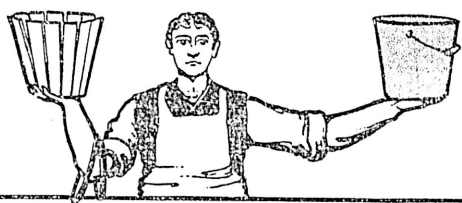
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RESULTS GIVEN OF HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS.

Department of Education Announces Marks Made by the Candidates

The results of the midwinter high school entrance examinations were announced yesterday by the department of education and it appears that there were 294 candidates, of whom 219 passed, a very creditable percentage. Examinations were held at the following centres, Armstrong, Chilliwack, Cumberland, Grand Forks, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Rossland, Vancouver and Victoria. The great proportion of the pupils on this occasion wrote in Vancouver. The pass lists as given out by the department follows:

Armstrong Centre.

Number of candidates, 8; passed, 4. Armstrong—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0.

Bennett Creek—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1; Maggie Heartwell, 703.

Enderby—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2; Wilfred D. McAllister, 749; Rita F. Marwood, 640.

Landsdowne—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1; Lillian M. Marshall, 626.

Pleasant Valley—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0.

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New Westminster Centre

Number of candidates, 47; passed, 36. New Westminster Boys—Number of candidates, 12; passed, 11. Kenneth A. R. Hunt, 732; James A. Smith, 730; Allan Ramsay, 695; Henry H. Schacke, 642; Edward S. Brooks, 625; Arthur F. Cotton, 607; Arthur O. Rogers, 604; John J. Gifford, 599; Albert L. Annandale, 595; Herman M. Kerr, 567; Francis P. Belyea, 564.

New Westminster Girls—Number of candidates, 10; passed, 9. Florence A. Brice, 770; Phyllis Dockrell, 742; Lily H. Hood, 736; Margaret G. Wilkie, 686; Gertrude E. Burr, 673; Frances M. Stott, 642; Mary E. Peebles, 626; Annie S. Turnbull, 609; Gertrude J. Disney, 584.

Sapperton—Number of candidates, 12; passed, 5. George Kimura, 704; Neil Campbell, 682; Wilton Harvey, 585; Wilson Patchell, 577; Violet Moun, 570.

Westside—Number of candidates, 8; passed, 7. Forest J. Fryer, 673; Alfred J. Smith, 664; Gladys V. Bodley,

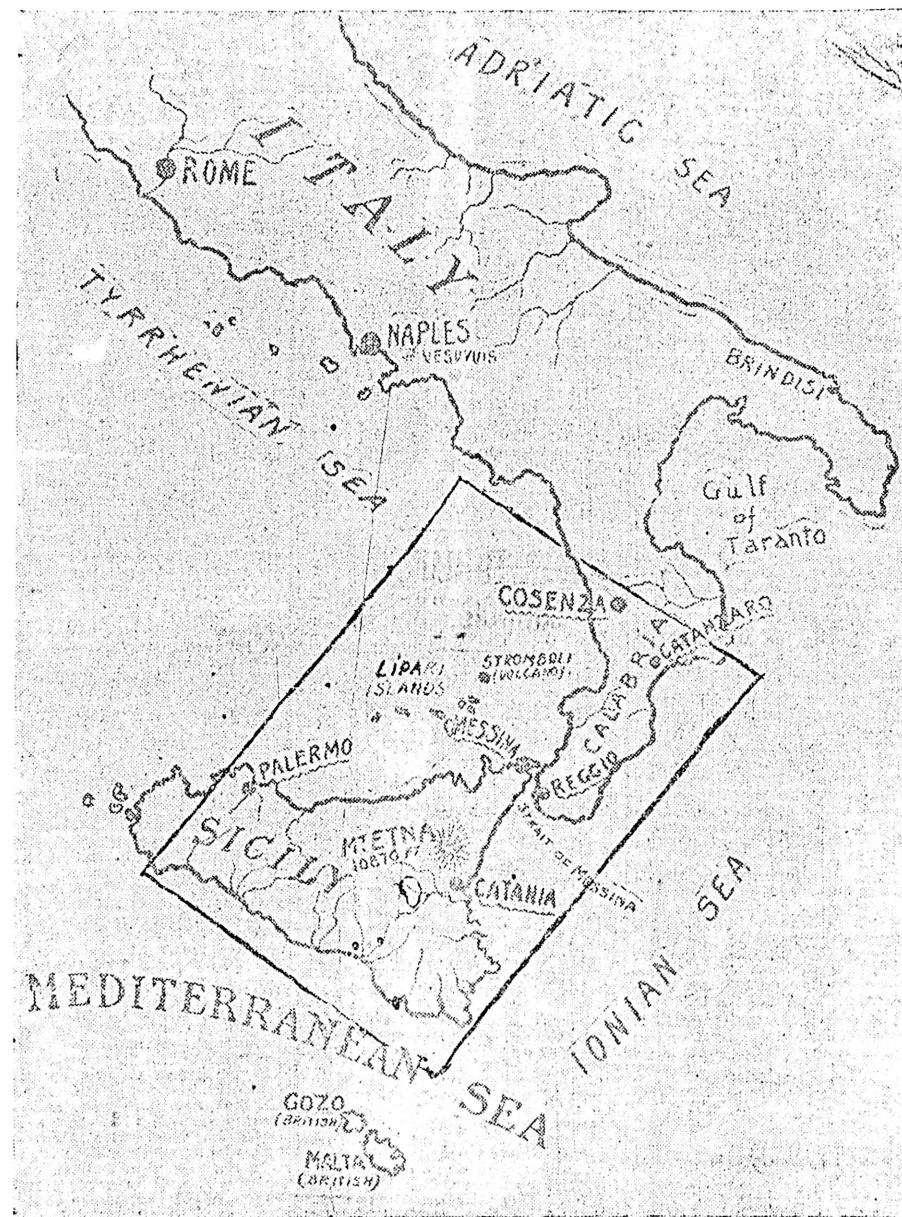
Central—Number of candidates, 11; passed, 9. Lyle Morrison, 735; Florence Wood, 691; Charles Tupper, 675; Jessie McDowell, 663; Myrtle McIntyre, 663; Kathleen Muttis, 655; Lucila Mitchell, 625; Sigfred Peterson, 596; Isabel Pollock, 587.

Dawson 1.—Number of candidates, 30; passed, 27. Stanley A. McLennan, 736; Ernest Carson, 726; Alice I. McDougall, 725; Lillian E. Tossell, 724; Philip Marsden, 713; Edith Irvine, 711; Hilda M. MacRae, 706; Kathleen A. Rogers, 706; Isabel MacMillan, 702; Jessie Beveridge, 700; Roy G. Hutchinson, 683; Arthur Desrosiers, 681; William Thorburn, 681; Tressyhair R. Jeffrey, 679; Olive C. Bowen, 677; Joseph G. Fraser, 673; Lawrence V. Shaw, 670; George Lee, 668; Ewart MacLeah, 652; Kathleen J. Rae, 634; Eva Gross, 632; John D. McPhee, 620; Robert H. Geddes, 628; Herbert V. Stones, 610; Florence L. Mangola, 590; Vera B. Tebb, 579; Dorothy MacGillivray, 561.

Dawson 2.—Number of candidates, 26; passed, 13. Grace MacPherson, 657; Marjorie Campbell, 633; Madge McTeffey, 673; Elsa Meyer, 653; Alice Parkinson, 627; Edna Thornton, 627; James Rulston, 620; Albert Holmes, 609; Thos. McGowan, 597; Eva Knowling, 589; Maxie E. O'Neill, 572; Gertrude Matthews, 570; Jean Anderson, 551.

Dawson 3.—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0. Fairview—Number of candidates, 7; passed, 7. Muriel Armstrong, 703; Harry Floyd, 686; Agnes Bell, 680; Constance Bryson, 674; Eleanor L. Stevenson, 598; Eva Mude, 597; Henry Jones, 596.

Kitsilano—Number of candidates,



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Chilliwack Centre.

Number of candidates, 3; passed, 3. Sardis—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 3. Donald McDonald, 671; Ernest H. Pearson, 670; Beatrix E. Dandy, 660.

Cumberland Centre.

Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Courtenay—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1; Robert G. Duncan, 643.

Private Study—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1; James J. McKenzie, 608.

Grand Forks Centre.

Number of candidates, 11; passed, 7. Grand Forks—Number of candidates, 8; passed, 6; Harriet E. Harris, 741; Kate Bernard, 677; Alice M. Le Quine, 629; Athol L. Poyart, 642; Donald C. Mauly, 622; Henry A. McTwinne, 607.

Cascade—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0. Private Study—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1; Helen R. Ross, 609.

Kamloops Centre.

Number of candidates, 16; passed, 10. Kamloops—Number of candidates, 13; passed, 9; Margaret Ramsay, 741; Berle A. Manson, 690; Grace Penzer, 677; George C. Taylor, 676; Hubert Dickinson, 633; Harold Walkley, 620; Elizabeth Irvin, 607; Ester C. Benson, 563; Lily E. Dundas, 552.

Falcon—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

North Thompson West—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Zetland, (Private School)—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1; Dorothy McLean, 728.

Nanaimo Centre

Number of candidates, 8; passed, 8. Nanaimo—Number of candidate, 12; passed, 7. Florence M. McBride, 749; James F. Hough, 655; Edward S. L. Planta, 640; Ethel Sampson, 613; Robert Robertson, 602; Ursula Dobson, 576; Cissily V. Freeman, 573.

East Cedar—Number of candidate,

3; passed, 0.

Mountain—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Gladys Ballance, 567.

636; Duncan A. McIntosh, 617; Albert B. McAdam, 572; Violet M. Foster, 568; Howard T. Furness, 560.

St. Ann's Convent—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 2. Frances Quichen, 678; Helena McCormick, 596.

Rural Schools—Blue Mountain, number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Florence S. Halsey, 602.

Brownsville—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Signe Burk, 659.

Rossland Centre

Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Rossland—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Richard W. Evans, 616.

Vancouver Centre

Total number of candidates, 182; passed 143.

11; passed, 10. Eustace R. Sherman, 837; Frank Warne, 762; Harold R. Aleson, 708; Fernie Warne, 699; William G. Hamer, 696; Wolfred E. Ingram, 608; Ida Gardiner, 650; Charlotte McCordell, 585; Reginald G. Halsey, 585; Ethel B. Galloway, 574.

Model—Number of candidates, 7; passed, 6. Marjorie L. Pearson, 691; Emma E. Dillman, 664; Maude H. Walker, 659; Percy Crummer, 656; Gertrude G. A. Martin, 652; Hazel A. Franklin, 622.

Mt. Pleasant—Number of candidates, 21; passed, 20. Walter Sykes, 826; Russell Atkinson, 772; Alvin Lobb, 758; Nellie Duthie, 754; May Rogers, 745; Emma Fessant, 741; Hattie Taylor, 733; Kyle Clarke, 722; Florence Dexton, 709; Mabel Fessant, 702; Lily Spain, 691; Alice Buettner, 670; Florence McRae, 667; Annie K. 666; Ethel Eldina, 660; Roy Palmer, 658; Maud Williams, 658; May Quigley, 640; Eric McGeer, 639; Jennie McFarlane, 614.

Roberts—Number of candidates, 20; passed, 20. Nellie Sharp, 886; Harry Ratcliffe, 780; Ernest Le Messurier, 773; Darrell Talperton, 740; Helen Koller, 727; Matthew Foster, 715; Wyndham Murchin, 711; Charles Muri-son, 707; Ruth Stevens, 704; Mildred Calder, 703; Wanda Ross, 699; Clifford E. Stone, 696; Norma Morgan, 686; Thomas Hurst, 685; Harold Nick-son, 659; Christina McRae, 647; Willis Grove, 612; George Alexander, 594; Reia Smith, 591; John R. Nick-son, 575.

Seymour—Number of candidates, 14; passed, 11. Hilda Gray, 701; Norman S. Hill, 688; Clifford Mason, 677; Jessie L. Anderson, 669; Evelyn El-lott, 634; Alice Prefontaine, 621; Stanley McSpadden, 616; Edwin Ram-ager, 584; Eline Miller, 573; Jacob Davis, 558; Fred Sparks, 552.

Bridge Port—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 1. Burrows Sixsmith, 579.

Collingwood Heights—Number of

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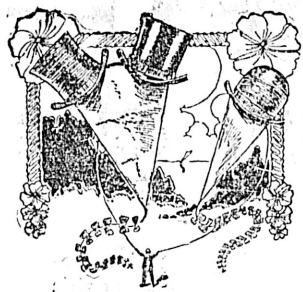
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The children attending St. Andrew's Cathedral Sunday school participated in their annual Christmas treat last evening in Institute hall. Miss Gunnison sang "For All Eternity" and "Violets" as an encore. Miss Switzer, "Pretty Little Pansy Faces" and Miss Nyland, a "Coo" song. Messrs. T. L. Toye and H. Maynard exhibited a number of excellent lantern slides, and Mr. M. Doyle in the character of Santa Claus distributed first and second prizes to the winners in each class for attendance and general proficiency. Rev. Father Brabant, Caine, Laterne, Van Neval, Flisser (Esquimalt), and Nicolay (Ladysmith), were present, while the hall was crowded with pleased parents and delighted children. Rev. Father Laterne is the superintendent of this Sunday school.

Cantata Given

The sacred cantata, the Bethlehem Chimes, was given last evening in Metropolitan church by the Sunday school children and was in every respect a most creditable production. The Metropolitan orchestra of fifteen members under the leadership of Mr. A. Parfitt, rendering material assistance.

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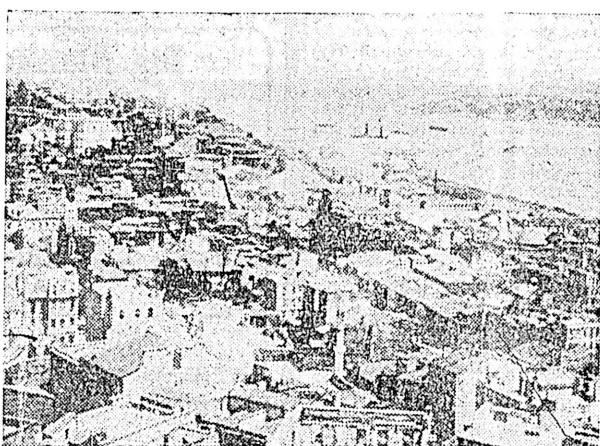
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personated Santa Claus and the presents included books and candles. Two special prizes were awarded to Grace Clements and Willie Burnett, of the primary class, for having induced the largest number of children to join this organization.



Messina and the Straits

An excellent supper was served to the Sunday school children at 6.30 o'clock, and Mr. A. E. Lewis, the superintendent, had charge of the subsequent proceedings.

During the cantata the Misses, Elvira McMartin and Lotus Griffith sang the duet "Here Comes the Messiah"; twenty children, ten girls and ten boys, recited very prettily "God's Gift to Us," and four little girls, Christmas songs. Misses Knott and Parfitt, with Messrs. Willis and H. T. Knott, sang a quartette. Miss Lockie recited "In Calm Judaea," and Master Roy McCallum, the "Christmas Engine"; Mrs. Knott, Mrs. Luney and Miss Parfitt sang a trio; and Messrs. H. T. Knott, Frank Willis, M. Parfitt and A. Parfitt, a quartette. Rev. T. E. Holling delivered an address and the collection was devoted to the poor fund.

Congregational Christmas Tree

The Congregational Sunday school entertainment, with Christmas tree, took place last evening and was largely attended. Supper was served at 6.30 o'clock and was followed by games. At 8 o'clock a concert was given and Santa Claus, who was personated by Mr. J. M. Wilby, presented the prizes and awards. The concert opened with a Christmas carol, "The Children's King" sung by the children, and Miss Edna Gray played a piano solo. Fifteen prizes were awarded. Mr. J. E. Andrews, the superintendent, presided, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Carson, delivered a short address.

Emmanuel Baptist Tree.

The annual entertainment with Christmas tree of the Emmanuel Baptist church, pastor, Rev. Dr. Spencer, took place last evening.

Chinese Enjoy Tree.

The Chinese children who attend the Methodist Sunday school at the Mission on Cornmarket street, some hundred in number, greatly enjoyed their Christmas entertainment last evening and the presents which were distributed from their Christmas tree evidencing quite as much delight as the English-speaking children do in similar circumstances.

The Baptist Tree.

The annual entertainment, with Christmas tree, of the First Baptist church Sunday school, took place last evening in Victoria hall. In the absence of the superintendent, Mr. A. B. McNeill, the assistant superintendent, Mr. J. W. H. King, presided. The Sunday school children sang, and very nicely indeed, the Christmas service exercise, Prince and Saviour, by Chas. H. Gabriel. Several very interesting minor pieces and motion songs were rendered by the children of the primary classes, the young lady members of the Philathea and the young men members of the Barneba Bible classes sang very effectively a quartette and chorus, entitled "What Does It Mean?" Christmas—Mean? Misses Mary Middleton and Bessie Ledingham recited Christmas Thoughts, and Cissy Cochran was encored. Rev. Mr. Burnett spoke on Christmas giving, and the collection, which will be applied to missions, approached \$20. Dr. Russell

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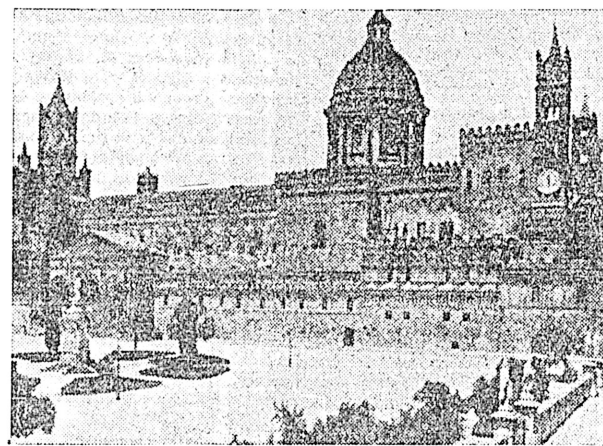
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It was with becoming modesty that



The Cathedral—Palermo

William C. Stewart, aldermanic candidate for ward one, spoke of his fitness for the office which he declared he was certain of securing at the forthcoming elections. Mr. Stewart opened the civic campaign last evening in Seneca's Hall, Victoria West, when he held a meeting at which, as he stated in his notice to the public, the issues before the electors would be fully dealt with. The usual hum-drum proceedings at such meetings in the past were conspicuous by their absence. The would-be alderman interjected a new note into civic election methods when, in addition to his own inimitable manner, music was furnished, the whole affording considerably more entertainment than is usually the case at meetings of this nature.

Mr. Stewart did not bother much about campaign issues. He levelled his criticism in a moderate way at the methods of the present council with respect to road construction, condemned, in a manner highly forcible and

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picturesque, the expenditure for boulevards and declared that what is wanted is a higher dog license and a fee of twenty-five cents to boys who take any stray animals to the city pound, the juveniles to be encouraged in this laudable work. More sewers in Victoria West, and the settlement of the Songhees Reserve question, were also points which Mr. Stewart dealt with, but continuity of argument is not his forte and from one point to another he jumped at lightning speed, interlarding the whole with comments on present municipal methods and how he, if elected, proposes to improve matters, citing his experience of years as a resident of the prairies from the time when he "bucked" cordwood for 50 cents per day up to the present time when, as he declared, he had more property in ward one than any of the other candidates.

Mr. Stewart declared that even if he were defeated he would never say die. Over fifty electors had asked him to run for the office of mayor and if he is elected this year in the aldermanic contest, he promised to be in the field in a year or two for mayor.

"I'll be back for a year or two," he declared, "and 'study' things up, and then look out. I can lick 'em to a standstill. My ambition is to be mayor of this burg before I'm fifty-two years of age. I've got three years to go yet. I'll work day and night studying for the job. I can talk for five hours four times as fast and twice as loud. I'm a political man. I've been round the

country boosting for Cliff Sifton, Joe Martin, Bill Templeman and Ralph Smith. They call me a temperance crank. I never took a drink and don't smoke, but I'll bet five dollars to any fellow in the council."

Mr. Stewart declared that he would hold another meeting next week in the North Ward school.

"Come along all you people and I'll give you a song and dance—an entire change of programme. I got up this meeting as a sort of Christmas entertainment, but those fellows didn't have sense enough to turn up."

This failure on the part of the present representatives of ward one and of the other members of the council to attend his meeting evidently hurt Mr. Stewart.

The chair was taken by Mr. Joseph Pearson, who spoke briefly on civic matters and at the conclusion School Trustee Standland urged upon the forty-five persons present the necessity for voting for the school bylaw which will be submitted at the forthcoming elections. Violin and piano numbers were rendered very acceptably by Mr. and Miss Lawrence.

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A large and enthusiastic meeting took place in Cramer's hall, Ross Bay, last evening in favor of the candidature of John A. Turner for alderman of Ward Five. Mr. W. H. Smith acted as chairman and in a neat speech introduced Mr. Turner to the ratepayers of the ward. Mr. Turner upon addressing the gentlemen present went over the planks in his platform as published in the Colonist, asking any present to give their views of civic affairs.

Several speeches were made and many questions were asked touching the water system, condition of roads and auditing of accounts, which were replied to by Mr. Turner.

Mr. W. G. Winterburn, candidate in Ward Four being present, was called upon and made a very interesting and effective speech. After the numerous questions which had been put to the candidate had been answered a resolution was proposed and passed unanimously endorsing Mr. Turner's candidature and promising him the support of those present.

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A GRANT FOR PUBLICITY.

The City Council will submit a referendum to the people as to the desirability of voting \$7,500 towards the objects of the Tourist Association. Many of the Aldermen appear to be in favor of a campaign of publicity and especially one that will produce results at the time of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, to be held next year. Those of them, who took part in the discussion spoke favorably of a grant, and it was finally decided to submit it to the referendum. We do not wish to reflect in any way upon the members of the Aldermanic body, but it seems to us that, if they are persuaded that advantages will result from a campaign of publicity, they have made a mistake in submitting the matter to a popular vote. If the expenditure were a new one or a large one, a referendum would be justified, but as the grant is not great and as one has been made annually for several years, the City Council might, we submit, have adopted it as a matter of future policy and placed upon the citizens the responsibility of defeating it, by electing Aldermen who would oppose it. There is great danger that in such a vote as is proposed prejudice and a misunderstanding of the facts may defeat a useful project. If it were possible to go to every person entitled to a vote and show him the results that have already been derived from the advertising done in the past, the vote for a grant would be unanimous except for those few people, who complain because the cars are crowded and there are too many people on the streets, but this cannot be done, and there is danger that persons, not in a position to form a correct opinion, may be sufficiently numerous to defeat what we are sure the Mayor and all the Aldermen agree is a most desirable policy. We believe that an active campaign will result in a favorable vote, but the City Council might well have rendered such a campaign unnecessary. However, we must take things as we find them, and therefore it is incumbent upon all, who have the true interests of the city at heart, to remove any erroneous impression which may exist in any quarter as to the need of the proposed expenditure. We have no hesitation in saying that it is vitally imperative that the Tourist Association should be placed in a position to continue its work. For reasons that are patent to all it would be a double blunder to discontinue the effort at a time when many thousands will be visiting Seattle on the occasion of the great exposition. Victorians must come to realize the fact that unless they wish to see their city drop behind every other progressive community on the continent, they must be prepared to expend money on advertising its advantages and attractions. We have before us a long report in the Montreal Star of a conference between the Business Men's League and the City Council on the question of civic advertising, and just to show what other Canadian cities are doing in this direction we make this extract:

"Speaking at considerable length, Mr. Milles showed that Toronto and Hamilton, in Canada, as well as a large number of cities in the United States, spent a great deal of money in putting out pamphlets, showing their commercial advantages. This resulted in the rapid growth of these cities. Mr. Chaput declared that much of Toronto's progress had been made by the manner it had advertised itself. He could not understand why this had not been understood sooner by Montreal. He had information showing that if Montreal had been better known, it would have been given many foreign agencies that were now established in Toronto. As modern cities were now constituted it was an absolute necessity that a city should advertise itself. Ex-Mayor Laporte dwelt on the importance of advertising the city as a commercial metropolis. It was not very well to attract visitors, but this should not be the main object aimed at. Ald. Laporte assured the deputation that their scheme had his heartiest sympathy. He trusted that Council would vote a generous amount so that the scheme under discussion could be realized. He referred to the fact that while in southern cities this summer he had been astonished at the ignorance which had been shown in regard to even the location of the city."

We take an early opportunity to explain to those who may not understand it that the Tourist Association is in no sense of the word a private organization. It is really a department of the city government, the members of the executive being merely volunteers, who consult about and assist in carrying out the most effective plan of advertising. The Mayor is the Chairman, the City Treasurer is the treasurer; there are Aldermen on the board. Later we shall have something further to say on this subject, for as a referendum is to be submitted, it is our duty to give every-

thing in our power to obtain a favorable vote.

THE ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE.

The earthquake, which has devastated Southern Italy, if the reports are not greatly exaggerated, is the most destructive that has occurred in many centuries. The only one at all approaching it in the number of victims was that at Lisbon in 1755, when 60,000 people lost their lives. There are accounts, more or less historical, of even more disastrous catastrophes than these. One in Asia Minor was said to have killed more than 200,000 people in one city alone. It is impossible to form any idea of the terrible nature of such a calamity as has befallen Southern Italy, and this is just as well as the horror of it would be unbearable, if it could be all realized in a moment. Even those who passed through it can only have a vague and indefinite idea of its awfulness. The sympathy of the civilized world will go out to the afflicted people, and everything that human kindness can do will be done to mitigate their sufferings. Already funds have been started at various points. Possibly our Italian fellow citizens will feel that the people of Victoria ought to join in the kindly work that will be undertaken everywhere. We are sure that a generous response will be made if there should be an appeal for assistance.

THE INTERCOLONIAL.

The Colonist has already expressed the opinion that the people of the Eastern Maritime Provinces would protest very emphatically against any proposal to hand over the Intercolonial railway to a private company. Opposition to it is already developing. A despatch from St. John to the Montreal Star says that nearly every member of the Board of Trade of that city is strongly opposed to any such arrangement. One member said such a change in the control of the government line would be a direct slap in the face to the Maritime Provinces, and he added that less politics and more business was what is needed in the management of the railway. A prominent Liberal King's Counsel is reported as saying: "It would be ruinous to the Maritime Provinces if the I. C. R. be taken over by a private company. We will never submit to it. I believe the merchants and public men here would rebel." One of the city aldermen says that the suggested change would be "absolutely destructive of the interests of the Maritime Provinces." It would, we think, be very difficult to suggest anything which would meet with greater opposition in New Brunswick than the transfer of the railway to a private company, and we take leave to doubt if the government will take any action in that direction under the circumstances. One newspaper reporter attributes the proposal to Mr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, but we have not yet seen any evidence to support that suggestion. For ourselves we would very greatly regret to see a road, owned by the government of Canada, transferred to any private company. It would be a distinct step backward. Rather, it seems to us, there should be an effort on the part of the administration to show that government ownership and government management are not incompatible with business success. Mr. H. R. Emmerson says it would be "a retrograde step" to give up the railway. It would be worse than that. It would be a confession of failure, such as no government in Canada could excuse itself for making. It ought to be possible to make the line pay and perhaps an arrangement might be made with some railway company or companies to use the whole or part of it for through business, without interfering with its operation as a government line. It seems absurd to say that in a great and growing community like Canada, the government must give away a railway which has cost \$30,000,000 because it cannot be profitably operated.

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES.

President Roosevelt has sent invitations to the Canadian and Mexican governments to send representatives to a conference to be held in Washington on April 18, to consider the question of conserving the natural resources of North America. The last century has been one of wastefulness, especially in regard to the forests. The object of the people, who settled this country seems to have been to get rid of the trees as rapidly as possible, and extreme wastefulness has been the rule. Nor is the end of it yet reached. Millions of dollars' worth of valuable timber is annually being destroyed without any corresponding advantage. America with the trees cut away will be very different from the America of today. It is of course possible that invention will supply something that may take the place of timber to a larger extent in structural purposes than anything now does, but the loss of the forests will have a climatic and meteorological effect which we are justified, by what has taken place in the Eastern Hemisphere in supposing will be productive of great permanent injury. But there are other resources to which a conference might profitably give attention, even though it may be found difficult to arrive at any policy of conservation which would be practicable. If the impression can be created in the mind of the people that there is need for greater economy, a long step will be taken in the right direction. President Roosevelt has acted very wisely in proposing a conference. It will have no functions other than consultative, but it is time for consultation.

The news from India telling of the proceedings at the opening session of the National Congress is of the most cheering character. We trust it may prove the silver lining in the dark cloud which has long hovered over that great British dependency.

British Columbia promises to get a reputation in the east as "The Province that found itself." Harkens to the Hamilton Spectator: "British Columbia applies shipped to Australia command high prices. The coast province is finding itself these days."

The Juvenile Delinquent Act is said to have worked with conspicuous success at every point in Canada where it has been tried. Manitoba is just about to bring it into effect, and in the opinion of Mr. Archibald, Dominion parole officer, this province will shortly take similar action.

An English syndicate has acquired immense timber interests in Nova Scotia. The point about this which is of general interest is that the syndicate is a British one—which is quite refreshing in these days when we hear so much about American enterprise monopolizing many of the good investments in Canada.

The Colonist congratulates the Canadian Pacific Railway on the safe arrival at this port of the Princess Charlotte, after her long voyage from British waters, and the people of British Columbia on the addition to its coastwise fleet of one of the most magnificent craft of her type on the waters of the American continent.

Clearly the law will have to be changed in some respect, so that men, who are householders and over 50 years of age will not be disfranchised because they do not happen to be taxed on any property in the city. We repeat the suggestion made a few days ago, that the exemption from the road tax shall only apply in cases where it is claimed.

The members of the Fire Department are asking for an increase of salaries, claiming that the scale paid here is much below that of similar-sized cities in the Northwest. It must be said that they make out an excellent case in support of their request, and we think that public opinion would be agreeable to the City Council giving their claims case sympathetic consideration.

The recent heavy downpour of rain proved a blessing in disguise, demonstrating as it did that new measures will have to be employed if it is hoped to keep the thoroughfare in front of the Empress Hotel in a decent condition. The problem of draining this section of Government street is a difficult one, and the public will be patient while the city engineer's staff is solving it—but in this particular case patience will soon cease to be a virtue.

In a short time the United States battleship fleet will enter British waters, when there will be extreme danger of its becoming lost in the multitude of warships flying the red ensign. But, notwithstanding, some eighty millions of people dwelling in the country to the south of us will fervently believe that Europe will stand amazed at this display of Uncle Sam's naval strength. The welcome accorded the officers and crews, however, will be most enthusiastic.

The Nelson News strongly endorses the suggestion of the Colonist that the provincial premiers should make an inter-provincial tour. It says: "The plan suggested is worthy of very serious consideration and it only requires a guiding hand to bring about a mutual understanding between the provincial premiers. Such a tour as is suggested would unquestionably not only be of benefit to the visitors but would help to broaden the views of all Canadians concerning their own vast domain."

Dr. Schurman, President of Cornell University, who is, by-the-way, a native of Prince Edward Island, has been telling the people of Seattle that "all countries occupied by white men bordering on the Pacific ocean, being exposed to Asiatic immigration have a right, and it is their duty, to take such measures as will protect them against the creation of economic and social difficulties which the mixture of races tends to engender." This is the conclusion reached by all persons who have carefully considered the question.

The Ottawa Citizen is not so old a newspaper as the Colonist, and therefore it cannot run a "forty years' ago" column, but it does the best it can, and has a department each day "Just Twenty Years Ago." In a recent issue under that heading we find the following paragraph which will be read with interest by many in Victoria: "Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's, arrived in the city from Vancouver yesterday and after breakfasting with Mr. Sandford Fleming and family proceeded to Kingston at 11.30. Principal Grant was secretary to the Sandford Fleming survey party which started from Toronto in 1872 and reached Victoria the following October."

A Miss Clark, who has been farming in the northwest for the last three and a half years on the prairie and been successful, has interviewed the Ottawa government with a view to having free homesteads offered to women immigrants with certain qualifications from the Old Country. Without knowing anything of the details of Miss Clark's plans, we think the general proposition that women should be given the opportunity of taking up land, will find general acceptance.

There are thousands of deserving women in the Old Country who might emigrate, with advantage to this country, and if they wish to try the experiment of settling on land they should not be denied the privilege.

For the benefit of the Montreal Herald we may explain that in Victoria, at all events, we are not in the habit of indulging in garden parties and rose planting festivities on holidays. Otherwise our eastern contemporary has done the country no injustice in the following paragraph: "In British Columbia the Saturday after Christmas and the Saturday after New Year's have been proclaimed public holidays. They would have been kept as holidays anyway, but British Columbia likes to proclaim its fondness for the leisurely life. They will probably feel, out there, that they exercised great restraint in not announcing garden parties and rose-planting festivities for one or both days."

Ranking first in importance among the political events of the year just closing stands the peaceful revolution in Turkey, which resulted in the securing of a constitutional form of government without the shedding of a drop of blood. Since the fateful day when the Young Turks' party declared for a greater measure of political freedom, events have transpired to indicate to the whole world that a new and improved order of things has been ushered in in that previously much-disturbed country, and on all sides the greatest optimism is felt for the future. It is now announced from Constantinople that the Sultan has decided to build, at his own expense, a new parliament house with adequate accommodation for the two branches of the legislature. Thus every previous diagnosis of the condition of "The Sick Man of Europe" is shown to have been false.

The people of Vancouver are elated at announcements of the intentions of a couple of the great United States railway lines to increase their terminal interests at that point. Vancouver is destined to become a large and important city, and the people of Victoria, confident of the position of their city, have nothing but the most friendly feeling towards the growth and development of the former. The upbuilding of a large city on the shores of Burrard Inlet has demonstrated one thing most conclusively, and that is that such does not militate against the expansion of Victoria, which process continues with a degree of rapidity, justifying the optimistic anticipations. Happily, the old feelings of jealousy between the two cities have about passed away, but if a vestige of them remains, let it be discarded with the advent of the New Year, and let us join hands and hereafter stand shoulder to shoulder for the best interest of the great province of which the two cities are today the chief business centres.

We don't suppose the masses will worry much about it, but it may be mentioned that there is little prospect of diamonds becoming cheaper—in fact, owing to the system followed by the producers a minimum quotation has been fixed from which no deviation will be made. A cable from Kimberley reads: "The chairman of the De Beers Mining Company, in addressing the annual general meeting, announced that the directors had absolutely determined to uphold the policy of production to the world's demand. He went on to say that although the resources of the De Beers mines were infinite, they had not amalgamated with the Premier because of the price which the latter demanded. Nevertheless, he said, the De Beers would endeavor to make an equitable arrangement with the Premier and other producers on the basis that the only way to maintain prices was to limit production. The chairman spoke hopefully of the future. He said the American demand for diamonds was increasing, and the trade within a reasonable period would be as sound as ever. He hoped working arrangements would be made with the new syndicate."

It is announced from London that science has hurled a terrible epithet against the suffragettes. Writing in the Times, Dr. A. E. Shipley, the eminent zoologist of Cambridge, affirms that their conduct revives the peculiar mental disorder known in the Middle Ages as Tarantism. He writes in no sense of levity, but makes his cruel, scientific analogy in these terms: "From an account of the meeting at Albert Hall on December 5, under the presidency of Lady McLaren, I am inclined to think that we are witnessing a revival of those recondite mental disorders which afflicted so many western countries 500 years ago. In more severe cases were there howlings, screamings, and jumpings, and the patients affected, although they had not complete control of their understandings, yet were sufficiently composed to obey the directions they had received. The persistent, monotonous and rhythmical utterance of a word or of a short sentence and the abandonment of self-control were equally characteristic of the distemper. Paracelsus, who dwelt learnedly on the treatment, recommended that the patient should be deprived of her liberty, placed in solitary confinement and made to sit uncomfortably. He attempted to allay the excitement of the nerves by immersion in cold water."

Mrs. Annie Foote, of St. Catharines, is dead, aged 89. Nelson Blackwell was found guilty at London of bigamy.

CLEARANCE SALE

Of Art Curtain and Drapery Materials

HERE IS NEWS OF A SALE that will surely interest the women folk, and especially those who "keep house." We start this morning a sale of all short-lengths in Art Cretonnes, Satenes, Chintzes, Denims, Silkolines and similar materials.

The greatest values Victorians have ever been offered are to be found in the drapery department on our second floor today. We want to dispose of every piece, and we have priced them so low you can hardly resist the temptation to beautify your home with some of these dainty materials.

Prices have been cut in two—values are doubled. Materials are the very finest and the very latest Art designs. No old and out of date designs, the only reason for the clearance being a desire to rid the stock of the short-length pieces. These pieces measure from 3 yards to 10 yards each, and are suitable for a great variety of useful purposes, such as Curtains, Cushions, Box Covers, etc., etc.

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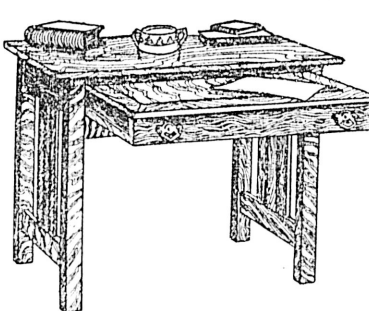
This final round-up of our Holiday China offers splendid investment for women who secure some of the pieces.

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REGULAR VALUES 10c	REGULAR VALUES 25c	REGULAR VALUES 50c
Child's A B C Plates Glass Pin Trays China Mugs Fruit Saucers China Ornaments Pickle Trays Spoon Holders Glass Salts	Pretty China Plates China Pin Trays Merry Xmas Mugs Dainty Cream Pitchers Decorated Ornaments Glass Vases Pig Banks	Salad Bowls China Plates Decorated Jugs Spoon Trays Spoon Holders China Cups and Saucers China Ornaments Child's Plates
25c	35c	50c
REGULAR VALUES 65c	REGULAR VALUES 75c	REGULAR VALUES \$1.00
Salad Bowls Leaf Trays Comb and Brush Trays Nut Bowls Pig Banks Cake Plates Cups and Saucers Shaving Mugs	Sugars and Creams Cups and Saucers Cake Plates China Plates Glass Pitchers Glass Vases Shaving Mugs Tea Sets (three pieces)	Cups and Saucers China Plates Fancy Vases Tea Sets (three pieces) China Ornaments Jardinieres Nut Bowls Tea Pots

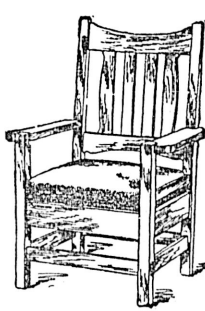
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NOTE AND COMMENT

In a statement supplied by the Clerk of the House of Commons, the Liberal majority shows a falling off from 1904 of about 17,000. A very striking feature is the Conservative gain in Quebec, where 14,000 of this 17,000 was obtained—suggesting that with a similar gain in another election the "solid" Quebec will become a matter of history. The vote by provinces is given as follows:

Province.	Lib.	Con.
Ontario	224,821	226,919
Quebec	158,393	129,364
Nova Scotia	48,434	47,615
New Brunswick	40,716	34,945
Prince Edward Is.	14,496	14,286
Manitoba	28,195	24,890
British Colum. (inc.)	3,514	5,493
Alberta	18,565	19,290
Saskatchewan	27,221	19,883
Total	574,356	542,685

At Toronto the other night, Mr. A. M. Wickens, chief engineer of the Canadian Casualty and Boiler Insurance Company, in a paper on the electrification of steam roads, read before the Central Railway Engineering Club, made the interesting declaration that the time was coming when there would be no more steam locomotives. To quote from the Mail and Empire's report:

Mr. Wickens pointed out that the existing transportation facilities in Canada were taxed to their utmost. By their electrification, the carrying capacity of the tracks of these roads could be increased by thirty per cent, and the present congestion relieved. This was not a matter of theory, Mr. Wickens said, but a fact proved by experience. He described how the system had been used on several roads. Thirty per cent more cars were being carried through the St. Clair tunnel by electricity and at a less cost. All trains could be run at less cost by electricity than by steam. Electricity gave double the draw-bar pull per pound of coal than did steam locomotion. Electric locomotives could go up a 2 per cent grade at 10 miles an hour, while a steam locomotive was generally going two miles an hour at the end of a long grade. At ten miles an hour the electric locomotive could draw 20 per cent more freight. The centre of gravity in electric motors was lower than in steam locomotives. This did away with the swinging motion when the train was travelling at a high speed and thus considerably lessened the strain on the roadbed.

The British suffragettes have performed one real service to humanity by furnishing an incentive to motherhood, contributing to the gaiety of nations and altogether supplying material calculated to add to the sum total of human delight at the humorous side of things. A few days before Christmas, Miss Christabelle Pankhurst and Mrs. Pankhurst were released from Holloway Jail on the completion of their sentences. As anticipated, a great reception awaited them, and special cable message brings the details as follows:

A procession to celebrate their release took place, starting from Holloway Jail and proceeding through the West-end. After a long march the Suffragettes broke breakfast at which Miss Pankhurst spoke. She announced that the Suffragettes were engaged in civil warfare. "We are sending out little Davids to meet giant Goliaths," she said, mentioning David Lloyd-George, the Chancellor, as an instance of the latter. "Next year," she concluded, "must see the enfranchisement of women." The procession occupied a quarter of a mile and was composed of members and supporters of the militant faction of the Suffragettes. All the paraders were bedecked in banners and other symbols of the enfranchisement cause. They marched four deep and escorted the triumphant Pankhurst trio. Mrs. Pankhurst and her two daughters, through the crowds of Christmas shoppers. The procession was headed by Mrs. "Generalissimo" Drummond. Behind her several bands were playing at full blast. A tall blonde marched at "Gen." Drummond's side, assisting in the direction of the marching militants. According to witnesses, she could give the drum major points in his art. While singing their version of "The Marseillaise," the Suffragettes met and recognized Police Inspector Jarvis, who made the arrests of the Misses and Mrs. Pankhurst and "Gen." Drummond. They ostentatiously accorded him bows and tremendous applause. The reception of the parade by the crowd was good natured.

At a recent meeting of the Winnipeg Development and Industrial Bureau a reference was made to the question of diverting United States passenger traffic through Canada, a matter which possesses considerable interest to the people of this city. We quote from the Manitoba Free Press report of the proceedings:

The deputation which waited upon Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, resulted in favorable co-operation from that source in assisting to divert passenger traffic through Canada to the Alaska-Yukon exposition next year. The Canadian Pacific railway's communication set forth the fact that all tickets reading one way or both ways through Canada next year would permit of stop-overs in western Canada. Letters were read from the boards of trade of Brandon, Regina, Moosejaw, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon, stating that they fully appreciated the significance of the matter in the matter of diverting traffic through Canada next year, and all had endorsed the resolution and written the department likewise.

PERSIAN UNREST

Attitude of Shah and Palace Clique Has Bad Effect Among the Populace

Teheran, Dec. 29.—The Nationalist movement in the provinces is spreading, and the provocative attitude of the Shah and the palace clique is rapidly increasing the popular discontent. The bazaars are partially closed today. A large number of the Nationalists have taken refuge at the Turkish consulate and in view of the uncertainty of the future, the street parols have been strengthened. A hundred Persian mercenaries have taken refuge at the Turkish consulate in Russia, and the local governor is threatening to invade the consulate and arrest them.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Wednesday, December 30, 1868.

The Pittsburgh Post says: "Some intensely interesting items concerning the Alaska business will be made public some of these days, in which distinguished officials, leading official newspapers and correspondents thereof will be made to figure. Over a half million dollars was distributed, and the most conclusive testimony is promised to establish the fact. It will be no electioneering dodge as it has been withheld partly for the reason that it made public during the canvass motives might have been misunderstood.

The remains of the late Mr. James W. Trahey were escorted to their last resting place yesterday by a long procession of sincere mourners. At Christ church cathedral the body was borne into the aisles and the Episcopal service read by Dean Cridge, and amidst the playing of the "Dead March" from "Saul," the mourners resumed their march to the cemetery, where the Masonic service was read by District Grand Master Burnaby, and the body was consigned to the tomb with the usual ceremonies. The number present to do homage to the memory of a good man was unusually large. The procession was under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies L. Franklin, Esq.

Born—in this city, on Dec. 29, to the wife of J. Freid, a son.

ABOUT PEOPLE

A recent cause celebre has been the means of drawing public attention to Professor Pepper, the great criminal analyst, chemist, and microscopical expert. He is of course known by name to millions of newspaper readers as the man who in the maze of conflict and doubt which shrouds the average murder case says coldly and analytically "This is what happened in the ordinary course of law and science," or "This particular crime was committed in a particular way," and the average man, when he hears Dr. Pepper put forth his theories, says, "How wonderfully simple! Why on earth didn't someone else think of that?" But while he is known by name, to many his personal life is a long grade. At ten miles an hour the electric locomotive could draw 20 per cent more freight. The centre of gravity in electric motors was lower than in steam locomotives. This did away with the swinging motion when the train was travelling at a high speed and thus considerably lessened the strain on the roadbed.

Lord Rathmore, who is seventy, says the London Standard, known throughout his quarter of a century in the House of Commons as Mr. David Plunket, and was always able to hold his own as one of the most brilliant orators and witty debaters. He was law adviser to the Irish Government for ten years, Solicitor-General in Dublin for two, and subsequently Paymaster-General and First Commissioner of Works. He is interested in railways and hospitals, and in both spheres has shown remarkable administrative ability. He was born the third son of John, third Lord Plunket, and among his family are included Sir William Conyngham Greene, Minister at Bucharest, and Mr. Plunket Greene, the eminent singer and fisherman.

The Imperial proclamation announcing the accession of the new Emperor of China published in the Official Gazette, is the London Times' Peking correspondent states, full of classical and literary allusions. It was written, as most of the important decrees since the days of the late Emperor have been, by Chang Chih-tung, one of the greatest masters of Chinese prose. The proclamation contains a reference to a Constitution in the glories of the late Emperor would have been prolonged, and that a Constitution would have been proclaimed in due time. It decrees abundant rewards to princes and subjects, and as an act of grace grants a general amnesty to all in exile or in prison for offences other than the ten cardinal crimes.

Everybody knows that the King has always been an ardent supporter of the welfare of the men on his estate at Sandringham. A writer in the Millgate Monthly tells that the housing of the laborers is most exemplary, and there is a kindly interest taken in each family by their Royal master and mistress. The King has not permitted the establishment of a licensed house upon the estate. Instead of doing this he founded the Sandringham Club for the use of all workmen upon the estate above the age of fourteen, and in order that it should not be regarded as altogether of a charitable nature, a subscription of 1s per quarter is levied upon the members.

The freight steamer John L. Card, Capt. Parsons, which has just been overhauled, left yesterday for Fraser river ports.

The little steamer Mist, which was partially submerged during the blow of Christmas Day, is being raised near the Victoria Machinery depot.

Mrs. Ella Piper, wife of Dr. W. A. Piper, of London, is dead, aged 31.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's popular majority last election was 31,671, and in 1904 it was 48,708.

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BRITISH OPINION

There are some Liberals (says the Daily Chronicle), who look only or madly at the ploughing of the sands, and call for an immediate dissolution. There are others who concentrate their gaze on the fruitful furrows, which, be it remembered, are administrative as well as legislative—and counsel the continuance of Parliament for its normal period. Looking at both sides of the picture alike, we are led to the conclusion that a middle course would be wiser. We cannot think that an indefinite acquiescence in the usurpation of the House of Lords would be consistent either with the dignity or the usefulness of the Liberal Government. To introduce and pass measures which it is almost certain that the House of Lords will reject is a waste of time, whilst to introduce complacently and continuously such measures only as they may be counted on graciously to accept would be a negation of Liberalism. On the other hand, it should be remembered that there are some urgent tasks worthy of a Liberal Government which the Lords cannot or are not likely to reject. The psychological moment for challenging the veto of the House of Lords passed when the Government, fresh from a great victory at the polls and in the full tide of its popularity, decided not to dissolve after the rejection of the first Education Bill. Ministers must now prepare the ground for an appeal to the country at the time and in the circumstances which they deem most favorable for the success of the two great causes for which they stand—the cause of reform and the cause of free trade.

The Standard says:—In the House of Commons yesterday the Prime Minister, announcing the Government plan for winding up the Session, put as good a face as he could upon a humiliating position. So far as Ministers and the Liberal party are concerned, the year now coming to a close has been one of misdirected effort, strenuous ineffectuality, and proved failure. For what will the salvage amount to? If we except the Old-age Pension Act, which was a Socialist, not a Liberal, measure, and if Mr. Asquith's revised and reduced program be completed before the prorogation, the Cabinet will have carried the Coal Mines or Eight Hours Bill. And in that case also it is known that official Liberalism has reluctantly taken its orders from the Labor party. If only Mr. Gladstone's proposals, diluted though they had been, could somehow be brought to grief, there would be sincere, though decorously suppressed, rejoicing on the Government bench. On the whole, Ministers have been well advised, for reasons which experienced Parliamentarians will understand, to give up the idea of carrying over Bills into the ensuing session. As a less dangerous alternative Mr. Asquith proposes to push a new Town-planning Bill well forward, and may have entered into some similar arrangement as to Mr. Birrell's scheme. But nobody should realize better than Mr. Asquith that such undertakings will throw into confusion the work set out for 1909.

The Daily Mail is of opinion that the stalwart Liberal will find little ground for satisfaction and the impartial observer much reason for pity in the statement made by Mr. Asquith yesterday in the House of Commons. The Government is still laboring in the trough of misfortune, and has not been happier with its minor than with its major measures. Of all the extensive programme of legislation that was to change the conditions of life on our planet in a single session it now looks as though but six or seven Bills would become law, and these, with the single exception of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill, are either of no real importance, or of but insignificant interest. Thus on the whole the Parliamentary year now drawing to a close must be pronounced a complete failure. With an enormous majority at their backs, Ministers have done little, and the waste of precious time in the autumn session has mortgaged the future. It is impossible for Parliament to meet early in the new year after sitting till Christmas, even if the measures for next session had been drafted. When it does reassemble it will have once more to "plough the sands," as it will be compelled to cover the old weary ground with much the same result as in the past. No wonder Liberals are dismayed.

Belfast Whig.—The Message is sufficiently comprehensive in its scope. From the status of judges the President turns to be question of preserving the forests. It is a subject upon which he has previously expressed himself in strong terms, and as it happens, it is almost of as much concern to us in Ireland as it is in the United States. If there was a time in the history of Ireland when its forests were a national asset, that time is very remote; but well within the historical period, and to some extent within the observation of living men, that has happened in Ireland which has happened in America in the destruction of the forests. "Short-sighted persons or persons blinded to the future by desire to make money in every way out of the present," he speaks as if no damage would be done by the reckless destruction of our forests," says President Roosevelt. The results of that recklessness in America have been a timber famine. It will take many years to undo the mischief that has been done, but—and this holds good of Ireland as it does of the United States—"we can prevent further mischief being done." Another subject which is also of concern to Ireland referred to in the Message is the development of inland waterways. It is urged that there should be a permanent commission to co-ordinate the work of all the Government departments in regard to waterways. The foreign relations of the United States, which are described as satisfactory, form the subject of a lengthy paragraph, and the President, at the close of his Message reiterates those views as to the maintaining of the efficiency of the navy and army which have brought upon him the charge of jingoism, but in which a saner criticism finds evidence of enlightened patriotism. The cruise of the American fleet round the world is referred to with satisfaction, as having at once given proof of the excellent condition of the fleet, and as having brought about great improvements in it, and it is worthy of note that in the belief of the President there is no other service in the world "in which the average of character and efficiency in the enlisted men is as high as in now the case in our own."

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The port authorities at Karachi, Bombay, have lately installed a number of navigation buoys illuminated by acetylene gas, manufactured in Ottawa, Canada, by the International Marine Signal Company. The buoys are automatic in operation, generating their own gas under low pressure, and with one full charge of calcium carbide, which varies from 1200lb. to 2500lb., according to the size of the buoy, give a continuous light without diminution of power from about six to nine months. During this time they require no attention. The lantern used is equipped with a Fresnel lens, which condenses the light into an intensely powerful and penetrating horizontal beam. The charging and recharging of the buoys are simple operations, which can be quickly executed and are easy to understand. In this connection such expenses as those of generating and compressing, storerooms, etc., necessary to the compressed oil-gas system, are obviated. The calcium carbide, which is contained in sealed tins or cans, may be transported in any small service boat to the buoys. As regards the question of explosion, the danger has been practically eliminated, the gas pressure being only a few pounds per square inch. The pressure under any circumstances cannot be greater than that of the water at the bottom of the generator tube of the buoy, that is to say, not over six pounds per square inch. As the buoys generate their own gas they are, unlike all other buoys, independent of a convenient base of gas supply, and consequently can be located in isolated positions.

OVERDUE CHILTONFORD AT SANTA ROSALIA

The overdue bark Chiltonford, which left Hongkong on May 30 last, for Santa Rosalia and was being reinsured at 10 per cent on account of her long passage has arrived safely at the Mexican port and has been withdrawn from the market. Four more large sailers were withdrawn from the overdue market as arrived, those being the Askoy, which left Burnaby (W.A.) on July 29 for London; the Cortez, which sailed from Noumea on Aug. 11 for the Clyde; the Francois d'Amboise, which cleared Thelo (New Caledonia) on July 20 for Glasgow; and the Kylemore, which sailed from Tasmania on June 17 last for Hull. Twenty per cent being paid to reinsure these vessels on the overdue market.

The steamer Greenwich is reported at Albany (W.A.) in distress and on fire. This vessel, known at Victoria, is owned by Messrs. Watts, Watts & Co. (the British S.S. Co., Ltd.) and represents, including cargo, a value of about £45,000.

At Lloyd's, according to mail advices received yesterday from London war risks were being paid with regard to an outbreak of war as a result of the trouble in the Balkans. Risks were offered against an outbreak of war between Serbia and Austria. The premium was 25 per cent, "to pay a total

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loss should war be declared between Austria and Serbia on or before March 9, 1909," but very few underwriters were prepared to accept even this rate. The demand for this insurance comes from holders of stocks, which would, of course, slump in the event of war. Against the risk of an outbreak of hostilities between Turkey and Aus-

tria during the next three months, underwriters were charging 12 guineas per cent. In the latter case the insurances were being placed not only on stock exchange account, but for merchants and also for shipowners, whose vessels trade to and from the Black Sea, which boats would possibly be captured or destroyed.

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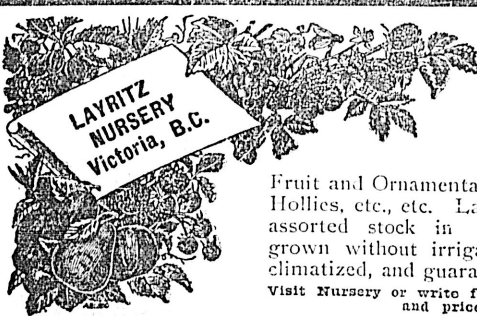
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Preparing Schools.

During the Christmas holidays the school board is putting the various city schools in shape for the work of the new term. The large order of desks which was recently placed, has been filled and the desks are now being

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Another Candidate.

Samuel Jones, a resident of Strawberry Vale, has announced his candidature as councillor in Ward 4 of Saanich district.

Spring Ridge Methodist Social.

The Spring Ridge Methodist annual Sunday school entertainment, with Christmas tree, will be held this evening.

Christ Church Communion.

On New Year's Day, being the festival in commemoration of the circumcision, the communion service will be celebrated in Christ church cathedral at 8 a.m.

Watch Night Service.

On New Year's Eve the Epworth League of Metropolitan and Spring Ridge Methodist churches will hold a reception between the hours of 7.30 and 10.30 o'clock, an excellent program of games and music has been prepared, and refreshments will be served. The Watch-night service will begin punctually at 11.15 o'clock.

Prospects for Travel.

With the approach of the new year the city steamship and railway offices are commencing to experience a foretaste of the next year's travel. Already many applications are being received from those who contemplate travelling to the Old Country in the spring, and bookings are now being made as far ahead as April.

Cut Foot Badly.

Mr. Wm. Black, an unmarried man and an employee at the Hydraulic Supply Manufacturing Company's works upon Government Street West, accidentally sustained yesterday a somewhat severe cut in the right foot and was removed to the St. Joseph's Hospital, where he will be obliged to remain for a couple of weeks under treatment.

Rich Ore for Tye Smelter.

A very rich shipment of ore was received yesterday afternoon at the Tye smelter, Ladysmith, B.C., from the "Copper King" mine at Whitehorse, controlled by Col. W. S. Thomas, which is expected to go over 25 per cent. in copper, with good gold and silver values. The island smelter got this shipment, and not the Tacoma smelter as was recently reported in the Vancouver Province.

Opening of Nurses' Home.

The Hon. Mr. McBride will open the new nurses' home at the Provincial Hospital at four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon next, the 5th of January and deliver an address. The other guests who have been invited and who are expected to attend the opening ceremonies include His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, His Worship the Mayor and members of the city council, and the sisters of the Order of St. Anne, while a general invitation is cordially extended to all the many friends and warm supporters of this most useful and valued institution to be present. The building will be open to visitors between the hours of 4 and 6 and between 8 and 10 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served and everything that is possible will be done to make all who come feel themselves to be perfectly at home.

Victorian in Vaudeville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gaston, the latter being better known in Victoria as Miss Ethel Green, will appear at the Orpheum Theatre, Seattle, on or about the 24th of next month. Mrs. Gaston lived in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Green, for years, attending the local schools, before entering the theatrical profession. While here she took part in several amateur dramatic performances, in which her ability was so strikingly displayed as to attract the attention of the manager of the Chinese Homecoming troupe, which was then performing on the coast. He offered her a place and she accepted. Since then Mrs. Gaston has met with repeated success. After marrying she went into vaudeville with her husband and they have been well received during the past two seasons. At present they are putting on a short act entitled "Spoonyville," which is said by the San Francisco newspaper critics to be one of the most charming and wholesome of the theatrical features of the season. It is expected that when Mr. and Mrs. Gaston reach Seattle a large number of their local friends will cross the Straits to witness their performance and to renew acquaintances.

St. Barnabas Entertainment.

The children attending St. Barnabas church Sunday school were entertained at tea at 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon, and at 6.30 Bishop Perlin distributed the prizes. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet read the report of the examination of the children, which was highly satisfactory. A short and very amusing comedy, entitled "Dr. Anti-Fat," which was written by Miss Miller, the Rector's sister, was then given by the following boys: Adam Knox, who personated Dr. Anti-Fat; George and Harry Norris, Bertie Ruthford and Lester Jones. By using a party inflated umbrella, which was gradually collapsed and lengthened, the excessively fat patient's proportions were gradually thinned and lengthened, and the audience laughed heartily during the development of the transformation. Mrs. Jarley's waxworks were also most diverting. Mr. Noel Robinson played the part of Mrs. Jarley, while Reggie McKewen and Merrill Betterton acted the parts of negro attendants. Mr. Robinson, who had much to do with the success of the evening's entertainment, also played the part of Father Christmas, in a magnificent make-up, and distributed the gifts, which were suspended from the Christmas tree. The proceedings closed at a comparatively early hour with three cheers for Mr. Robinson, for the popular rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, and for Mr. Thomas Mills, the S. S. superintendent.



THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 29, 1908:
SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure area is reading southward from the Yukon to high British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. The pressure has decreased on the Californian coast and a storm area is centered in Manitoba and Minnesota. It is intensifying at Dawson, the mercury falling to 18 below zero, the highest there today being only 41 below zero and the cold wave is developing in the Pacific provinces where snowfall has been general. The weather on this coast has been mostly fair with light rainfall on Vancouver Island and in western Washington.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	35	39
Vancouver	29	32
New Westminster	28	38
Kamloops	20	26
Barterville	10	12
Atlin	26 below 16	16
Dawson, Y. T.	48 below 11	11
Calgary, Alta.	8 below 12	12
Winnipeg, Man.	16	30
Portland, Ore.	38	42
San Francisco, Cal.	38	46

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly northerly, generally fair and cold.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

TUESDAY.

Highest 39 |

Lowest 35 |

Mean 37 |

Rain, .95 inch; sunshine, 4 hours, 6 minutes.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B.C., December, 1908.					
Date	Time	High	Time	Low	High
1	2:36	2:10	8:10	5:57	6:23 24 6
2	3:25	2:10	8:17	5:52	6:15 23 4
3	4:12	2:10	8:18	5:44	6:07 22 4
4	4:58	2:10	8:11	5:34	5:59 21 4
5	5:41	2:10	8:01	5:24	5:51 20 4
6	6:20	2:10	7:42	5:14	5:43 19 4
7	6:58	2:10	7:28	5:04	5:35 18 4
8	7:34	2:10	7:12	4:54	5:27 17 4
9	8:08	2:10	6:56	4:44	5:19 16 4
10	8:40	2:10	6:40	4:34	5:11 15 4
11	9:10	2:10	6:24	4:24	5:03 14 4
12	9:40	2:10	6:08	4:14	4:55 13 4
13	10:08	2:10	5:52	4:04	4:47 12 4
14	10:34	2:10	5:36	3:54	4:39 11 4
15	11:00	2:10	5:20	3:44	4:31 10 4
16	11:25	2:10	5:04	3:34	4:23 9 4
17	11:50	2:10	4:48	3:24	4:15 8 4
18	12:15	2:10	4:32	3:14	4:07 7 4
19	12:40	2:10	4:16	3:04	3:59 6 4
20	1:05	2:10	4:00	2:54	3:51 5 4
21	1:30	2:10	3:44	2:44	3:43 4 4
22	1:55	2:10	3:28	2:34	3:35 3 4
23	2:20	2:10	3:12	2:24	3:27 2 4
24	2:45	2:10	2:56	2:14	3:19 1 4
25	3:10	2:10	2:40	2:04	3:11 0 4
26	3:35	2:10	2:24	1:54	3:03 31 3
27	4:00	2:10	2:08	1:44	2:55 30 3
28	4:25	2:10	1:52	1:34	2:47 29 3
29	4:50	2:10	1:36	1:24	2:39 28 3
30	5:15	2:10	1:20	1:14	2:31 27 3
31	5:40	2:10	1:04	1:04	2:23 26 3

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is computed from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

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Due—Uncertain.
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Due—Dec. 1, 6, 10, 12, 18, 25, 29, 31.
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Due—Dec. 5, 18, 27.
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Was Not Damaged.

The report published on Sunday morning that the Pachena wireless telegraph station had suffered during the Christmas gale proves to be due to an error. The station was not injured in any particular and sent and received messages during and after the gale.

Miss Ard to Lecture.

Miss Ard will address the members of the St. John's church branch of the Woman's Auxiliary upon the 27th of January upon three topics of importance: (1) The results of the Pan-Anglican congress, which she attended; (2) The needs of the Church of England in the northwestern provinces; and (3) The work of the Woman's Auxiliary. There will be music and the lecture will be suitably illustrated by means of lantern slides.

James Bay Methodist Entertainment.

This evening the James Bay Methodist Sunday school will have its annual Christmas entertainment. The church has been suitably decorated with evergreens and Christmas bells. A Christmas tree will be a prominent feature, and there will be a large fire-place, through which Santa Claus will make his appearance to distribute the gifts to the scholars. Devotion to this the scholars will render the cantata, entitled "The First Christmas Story," which they have been practicing for some time, and which in itself will be a treat. There will be no admission fee, but a collection will be taken up.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

Russell.
The funeral of the late Charlotte Russell took place yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the family residence, Douglas street. Many friends gathered to pay their last respects, the deceased lady being well known throughout the city. A very impressive service was conducted at the last resting place, Rev. Dr. Reid, who made touching reference to the lovely character of the deceased. The casket and hearse were laden with beautiful floral offerings, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held. The cortege proceeded to Ross Bay cemetery, where interment took place. The pallbearers were: William Armstrong, James Angus, O. Hastings, J. Walsh, A. Strachan, H. P. McDowall.

MacDonald.

The death occurred last evening at the family residence, Liverpool street, Esquimalt, of Charles Henry MacDonald. The deceased was a native of North Sydney, Cape Breton, and 74 years of age. The late Mr. MacDonald was an old-timer here, having been a resident of Victoria for the past twenty years, and was widely known and highly respected. He followed the business of shipbuilding for many years here. He leaves besides a wife four sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but will be announced later.

Baynton

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Ann Vale Baynton took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Esplanade street, where service was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Gladstone. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends, many beautiful flowers being presented. The following acted as pallbearers: H. C. Smith, L. Langlois, C. H. Gordon, W. C. Smith.

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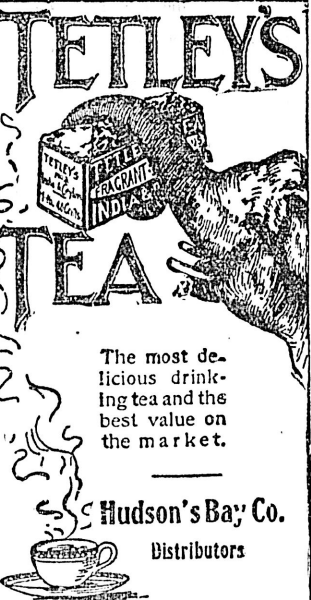
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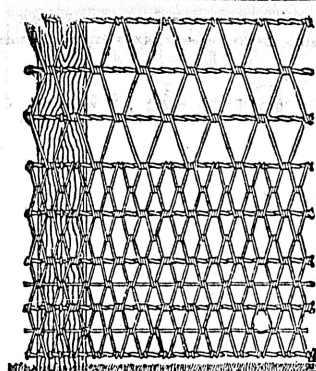
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The gathering of delegates from all sections of Vancouver Island in Victoria for the discussion of the best united policy to adopt in the interests of this part of British Columbia is a project on which a select committee of the Board of Trade is engaged. One of its members yesterday asserted that there was every indication that it would be possible to arrange the convention for some date early next month. It was expected that there would be representatives in attendance from Duncan, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Cumberland, Comox, Alberni, the districts in the immediate vicinity and, last but not least, Victoria.

One of the principal objects of the gathering, it is explained, is the arranging for the publication of a booklet dealing with the varied resources of the island and profusely illustrated, also arriving at an understanding as to the best means of distributing it that it may reach the eyes of the largest possible percentage of the noteworthy business men of the chief commercial centres of the United States and Canada.

But there is another idea in mind which, while it is mentioned as of secondary importance, is believed to be even more beneficial in its results. That is to create an esprit de corps among the business communities of the island which will, hereafter, make them a unit in reaching out for commerce for this section of the province. Those who are working on the Board of Trade committee point out that there has not been evidence of such unity of purpose in the past and that its achievement would be in the interests of every part of the whole island.

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That the Oak Bay municipality is growing in population is strikingly demonstrated by a comparison of the voters lists of this year which have been completed, and those of 1907. Twelve months ago there were only 319 persons entitled to exercise the franchise in the municipal election while on the occasion of the forthcoming selection of the 1909 council 411 ballots will be prepared. An increase of 92 property or householders in the period may not appear a great deal at first glance but it becomes more impressive when it is stated that in the past, or before the district assumed the dignity of a corporation, the advance was not anything like as rapid.

It is announced by J. S. Floyd, the clerk of the municipality, that a court of revision will be held on the 4th of January commencing at 7:45 o'clock in the evening at the new schoolhouse Oak Bay Avenue. This will give residents, whose names have been struck off or who have been omitted for various reasons, an opportunity to obtain a hearing. They must take advantage of this meeting of the Court if desirous of voting at the next election as nomination day has been fixed for the 11th of January, the balloting to be held on the 16th, the following Saturday.

In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Election Act lists will be posted by the Returning Officer, who, in this instance is Clerk J. S. Floyd, at central points in south, central and north wards. For the further convenience of the public those who wish information on this question may obtain it by applying at the down town offices of the clerk, Chancery Chambers.

To Enforce Bylaws.
Instructions have been given the constable of the Oak Bay municipality to enforce the provisions of the Roads Bylaw. This is the enactment which aims to regulate the traffic over the thoroughfares of the district, its object being to minimize the damage to the macadam by insisting that the tires of vehicles shall be broad in proportion to the weight of the load carried. The same official also has been given orders to prevent the removal of gravel from the beach and other beaches along the Oak Bay waterfront. It has been reported that these depredations are having the effect of causing the sea to make serious inroads on the embankment which is falling away in many places by preventing any further excavation it is thought the action of the water will not be as serious as it has been during the last few months.

Suspects in Custody.
Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Two men have now been arrested by the provincial police in connection with the alleged murder of Odie Lee near Whonnock, last Tuesday. An inquest was held yesterday, but so far no new light has been thrown on the tragedy.

Indian Curious Destroyed.
Prince Rupert, Dec. 29.—The old Methodist mission house at Port Simpson was destroyed by fire at an early hour last Monday morning and with it was destroyed what was recognized as the finest collection of old Indian curios to be seen anywhere on the continent. The mission being given up for that purpose only.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH IS THE VERDICT OF JURY

Investigation of Shooting of
Swan Lake Rancher Re-
sumed Yesterday

That Joseph Evans, rancher, living on the shores of Elk Lake, came to his death on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, through the accidental discharge of his shotgun, was the verdict rendered yesterday afternoon by the coroner's jury which resumed its sittings after having stood adjourned from Tuesday last. The inquest was held a week ago but owing to the rather unsatisfactory evidence given by Charles Pidgeon, an eyewitness of the shooting, Dr. Stanley, acting coroner, decided to adjourn the hearing until yesterday in order that the police authorities might make an investigation. The authorities looked into the matter but no new evidence was submitted yesterday and the jury took but a few minutes to return its verdict of accidental death.

Charles Pidgeon again testified, going over the facts stated by him a week ago, but his evidence was much clearer. He told of how Evans saw him as he (Pidgeon) was coming along the E. & N. railway track on Sunday afternoon, how the two were talking when a shot was heard in the bush and Evans went into his house to get a gun. He came out again and was standing in the doorway with the gun grasped by the muzzle, the butt resting on the rock about sixteen inches beneath his feet. Evans, on Pidgeon's suggestion that there was little use looking for a bird, started to back into the doorway as if to put up his rifle when in dragging the gun over the door sill the weapon discharged, evidently because the hammer had been pulled back by striking the sill and was then released. Pidgeon in the meantime, in response to Evans' request, had been walking towards the house and was about twenty feet away when the gun discharged. He rushed forward, picked up the gun which had kicked back into the open and placing it in the shack went to Evans who was lying just inside the doorway of the house. Evans spoke to Pidgeon asking the latter to help him. Pidgeon left the house and ran up the track meeting George Alexander who had been out shooting and whose shot it was which Evans had heard when he went back for his gun. The two ran to a Mr. Smith's house and in company with a Mr. Patterson, returned to Evans' shack. Alexander ran to the Royal Oak hotel to telephone for a doctor while Patterson and Pidgeon stayed with the wounded man. Mr. Smith came there a few minutes later. Pidgeon declared that prior to Mr. Smith's arrival and after Alexander left, Evans asked him to go for a doctor, though at the first hearing Mr. Smith and Alexander had stated that they had not heard Evans say anything though Pidgeon then had not made it clear that the remark was made by Evans while the other two men were absent.

Laid at Rest.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Gray took place yesterday afternoon, from the aged Women's Home. Mr. E. Baynes Reed, who is an old friend of the family was in attendance, and acted as one of the pallbearers. He was also present some years ago, at the funeral of her second husband, Mr. Gray. Mr. Reed was for some time a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. Gray in Esquimalt, and so in this humble and sparsely attended funeral ends another chapter in the history of the pioneer settlers of the city of Victoria, and of the province of British Columbia.

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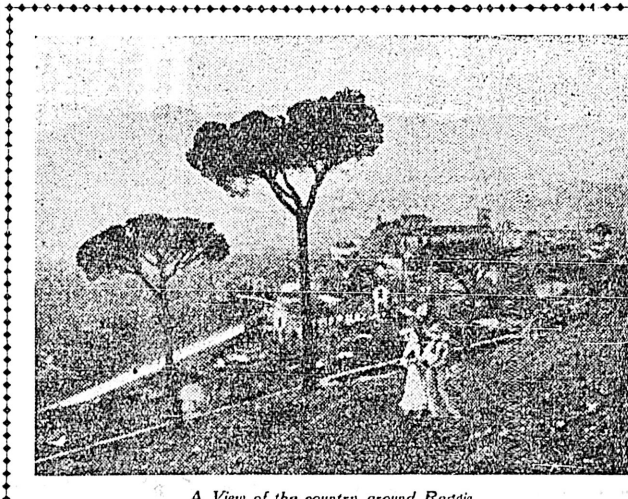
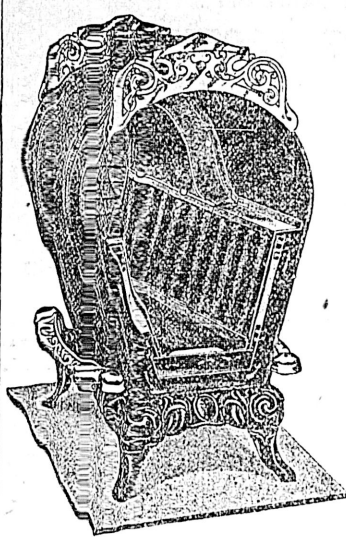
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opinion it would not have been pos-
sible for the wound to have been in-
flicted by a shot fired from some dis-
tance in front of Evans even if from
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Evans were standing upright as Pidgeon
testified he was when the acci-

dent happened. The wound showed
that the shot had gone in an upward
direction and been fired from a posi-
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After the evidence of Pidgeon and
Dr. Robertson had been given the jury
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	Total.	Ave.
Wilson	513	171
Schenk	474	158
Breckinridge	316	105
Pauling	352	117
Heathcote	351	118
Total.	2009	669
Aaronson	409	136
McLaughlin	388	129
Edwards	406	135
J. McMur	392	130
Clark	390	130
Total.	1895	630

High score, T. Wilson, 184; and also high average, 171.6. Fought Askland's team will play Mudge's five.

In the bowling for turkeys during Christmas week Harry Aaronson won the turkey for five pins with an average of 62-2-3 for three successive games. In ten pins C. Matthews won the turkey with an average of 220 for three successive games.

FOR NANAIMO GAME

Victoria Rugby Team to Play Nanaimo on New Year's Selected

At a meeting of the Victoria Rugby club selection committee held yesterday morning the team which will wear their colors in the game with Nanaimo on Friday, New Year's day, was selected. It has been decided to revert to the old formation. The five eights position has been abandoned and the fifteen will lineup with a full-back, four three-quarters, and eight forwards. In determining to make the change the committee is following the advice of J. Harnett, manager of the Anglo-Welsh team, who stated when on the coast that the old style was the real thing and that he had come to

than conclusion after thirty years' experience. The Victoria-Nanaimo game will be held at Oak Bay and will start at 2.30 o'clock. The locals will take the field as follows:

W. Gowen, full-back; Meredith, Gillespie, Nason, F. Lowry, three-quarters; Cohan, Newcombe, half-backs; Arbuckle, L. Sweeney, Hopgood, Spencer, Miller, Benson, W. S. Graham, Bromley, forwards. Reserves, Johnson, Vincent, Pitts, Jeffs, Thompson.

FOUR MATCHES

League Basketball Games Will Be Played Here This Evening

Tonight four league basketball matches will be played at the quarters of different athletic clubs of the city. One is an intermediate fixture in which the principals will be the North Ward and Esquimalt teams. It will take place at the former's hall. The three junior games follow: North Ward and James Bay, at the former gymnasium; Victoria West and the High school at the V. W. A. A. hall; Shamrocks and Esquimalt, at the Institute hall, View street.

The Sporting World

REFEREE AWARDS FOLEY DECISION

Nanaimo Lightweight Boxer Defeated Merrifield in the Twentieth Round

WAS SPIRITED EXHIBITION

Victorian Couldn't Maintain Fast Pace Set By His Hardy Opponent

Two powerful swings with the right and left directed by Foley to each side of Merrifield's uncovered head sent the Victoria lad to the floor in the last minute of the twentieth round of last night's boxing match at the A.O.U.W. Hall. Shortly after the count had started the fallen pugilist stumbled to his feet, but the chief of police refused to allow any further exchanges in what had been one of the classiest bouts the local fans have seen for many a long month and referee Dow gave the decision to the hardy boy from Nanaimo. His verdict found endorsement among the majority present and as the boxers and their seconds left the ring side they were heartily cheered.

Boxers Welcomed.

It was after nine o'clock when the principals made their appearance, the first of the scene being the youthful but likely looking boy from the Island's mining town. Accompanying him were his seconds, Messrs Leadham, McNamee and Bailey. The shouts of welcome accorded Foley, who weighed in at 123, had scarcely died away before they were renewed with amusing impartiality when Merrifield was seen striding up the aisle. He was surrounded by a group of seconds, comprising Messrs. Allen, Saunders and Oliver. His weight was 125 pounds. The examination of medical certificates, of bandages and of gloves by the chief of police, the introduction by Harry Dodd, the referee, of the opponents and his explanation that the match was limited to three-minute rounds, clean breaks, took but a short time. Then time-keeper J. Jackson sounded the gong and the two lightweights, trim as fighting cocks, were sparring for the initial blow.

Referee's Opinion.

The conclusions reached by the referee, after watching the go from the outset to the finish, could not more aptly summarize the consensus of opinion. He said: "Up to the seventh round the honors were even and had

that been the limit I would have had to call it a draw. From that time, however, Merrifield began covering constantly, allowing Foley to do most of the work. The Nanaimo lad always was on the aggressive and besides, when the Kid did, occasionally, open up Foley was right there with the punch, giving somewhat more punishment than he received. Had those two last blows which so staggered Merrifield not been landed there would have been no other course open to me than to give Foley the victory."

Foley a Sturdy Lad.

In these words Harry Dodd sums up his impressions and, unquestionably, they are in accord with the views of most of the fight fans who attended. Foley, who is possessed of a lithe, strongly knit frame, was trained to the minute. Entering into the bout at a pace which it was thought would be killing if maintained, he was able not only to continue, but to adopt even more keenly aggressive tactics as the rounds were ticked off. Throughout it all he was subjected to a bombardment of light jabs to the jaw with an occasional hard swing to the body. But they didn't seem to affect the stout little man. He simply shook himself as would a duck in an effort to free its feathers of water and then went back into the mix-up with an abandon that kept the crowd on tip-toe in excitement. Up to the seventh Merrifield was ready with a "come back" every time, but afterwards he became more cautious, defending his head and body, and craftily searching for an opening in which to place his right for a knock-out.

Merrifield Clever

As a boxer Merrifield showed class. In covering, his alertness and effectiveness recalled the redoubtable Collier Hill, well-known to local sports. Had he displayed as much speed in taking advantage of his opportunities, in following up, and in delivering a telling blow, the Nanaimo lad would not have had a chance. As it was, it was a case of a fairly clever ring general, a man of experience, first-class in defence but slow and clogged in his rare attempts at foot work and open fighting against a sprightly youth, possessed of infinite strength and endurance, quick as a flash on his feet, cool in emergency and always in search of a place for a right swing which, if landed, would have undoubtedly ended matters.

The Opening Round

A few second of sparring in the (Continued on Page Fifteen)

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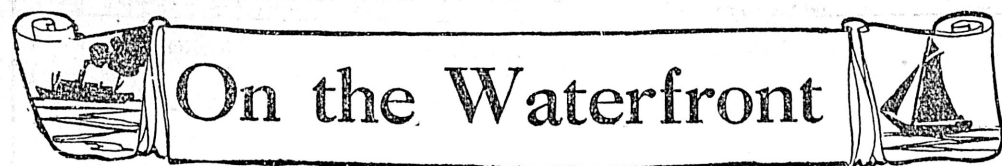
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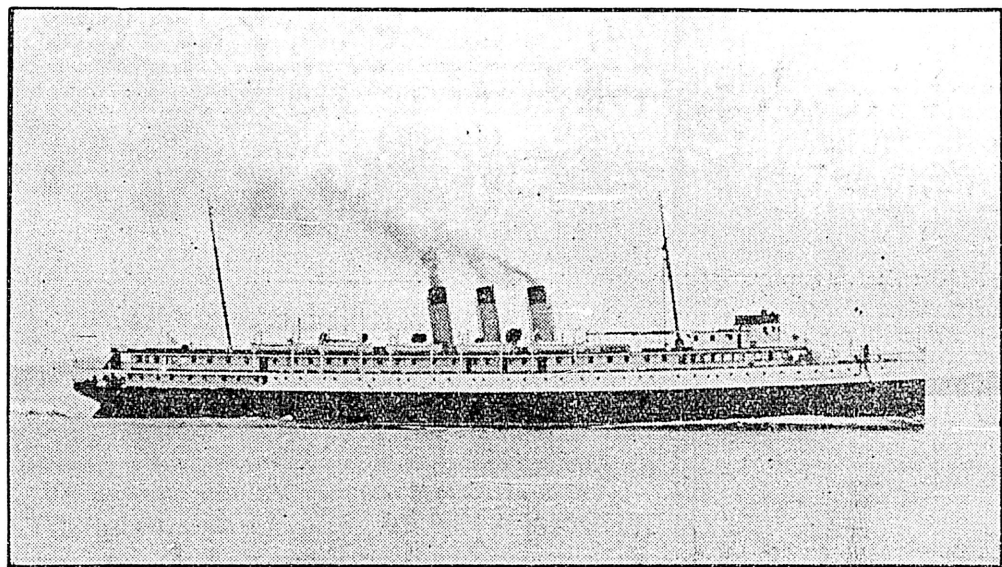
NEW PRINCESS ARRIVES TODAY

Princess Charlotte Expected to
Complete Voyage From
Clyde This Morning

THE FINEST OF HER CLASS

New Liner for C. P. R. Excels
All Craft of Her Type in
the Pacific

Completing her long voyage from the Clyde the new C. P. R. liner Princess Charlotte will arrive today. She passed Point Reyes on Sunday afternoon, signalling all well. Yesterday the U. S. S. Manning reported from off the Oregon coast by wireless telegraphy to Superintendent E. J. Haughton of the government station



The Princess Charlotte

on Gonzales hill that the Princess Charlotte had been sighted passing Point Argos near Coos Bay on Monday morning, and she was expected to pass in at Cape Flattery last night. An enquiry at Tatoosh at 11 p. m. last night elicited the reply that the observer had not noticed the steamer pass in up to that time. It was expected the steamer would pass during the night and will arrive this morning.

A Description

The new steamer Princess Charlotte, which will arrive today from the yards of the builders in Scotland, is the finest liner of the smart fleet of the C. P. R. service and, vying as she does, with the best of the British cross-channel and interport ferry steamers, is a great improvement upon the Princess Victoria, the best of the vessels of her class in the Pacific before the coming of the Princess Charlotte. The Princess Charlotte was built to the order of the C. P. R. at the yards of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering company at Govan on the Clyde, the contract being made in October, 1907, the contract price being £115,000. In May, Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the C. P. R. coast steamship service went to inspect the liner and returned much pleased with the splendid craft. In June the steamer was launched, the christening being performed by Mrs. R. Marpole, a Victoria lady, and, while the engineers were completing the fast cruiser indomitable at the same yard for the British government the Princess Charlotte was completed. At her trials in October the new steamer easily attained a mean speed of 21 knots an hour in neutral water with a load of 700 tons.

Unlike the Princess Victoria her housework and interior fittings were completed at the builders yards and the new liner attracted much admiration in the United Kingdom, many high complimentary references being made to her in the shipping journals. One feature which created great attention was the number of "honey-moon cabins" as the papers referred to them, and some of the London newspapers referred to the Princess Charlotte as the "honey-moon steamer."

Leaving the Clyde on Nov. 1 in command of Capt. Troup, a Nova Scotia shipmaster, the Princess Charlotte has made a comparatively quick trip out. She was brought from the Clyde at a speed of approximately 12 knots an hour, logging about 300 knots most days. Stops were made for coal at the Azores, Montevideo, Coronal and Callao.

The Princess Charlotte is a twin-screw steamer, 342 feet in length, 46 feet 6 inches in breadth and 26 feet in depth to shelter deck. She is divided into seven watertight compartments, while the orlop deck is also made watertight, adding greatly to the safety of the ship. There are altogether five decks, the orlop, the main and the shelter, the promenade and the shade deck.

The entrance to the passengers' accommodation is through watertight

doors on the ship's side on the shelter deck forward. These entrances lead to a spacious hall, which is panelled in teak, the floor being laid in terra cotta and white rubber tiles. At the main entrance is a large central hall fitted with large seats upholstered in crimson plush. At the upper end of this hall is the main staircase, which leads to the passenger accommodation, and public rooms for 176 first class passengers on either side of the shelter deck, the cabins being two and three berth, fitted in the most modern style, with patent folding lavatories, washstand, basins, sofa seats, etc.

The State Rooms

On either side of the forward central hall are twelve special three-berth rooms, fitted in a first class manner, with electric radiators, sofa beds, wash stands, etc., and also four rooms fitted up as bridal chambers. Two of these four are panelled in light mahogany, and two in satinwood, with large brass bedsteads, dressing tables, wash, electric heaters, etc., and private bathrooms. At the after end of the shelter deck is a central hall. Similar to that forward and also a ladies' tea room neatly finished in light oak, with inlaid panels, and having blue and green furnishings. On the promenade deck there are two spacious halls in a large deckhouse, with a well in the centre of each, giving ample light to the halls below. Over the forward well there is a large ornamental domed skylight, with opening side

rigged, and has three funnels, has a very fast and handsome appearance. Her twin-screw propellers will each be driven by a set of inverted direct-acting triple-expansion engines, each set with four cylinders and four cranks. The engines are balanced in the Yarrow-Schlick-Tweedy system, and they have been specially designed as to reduce to a minimum the vibration when running at high speed. They are of the open fronted type, the four cylinders of each being supported on the side next the centre of the ship, by four cast-iron columns to which the crosshead guides are fixed, and on the outer side by six polished columns of forged steel. The main condensers are separate from the engines and are built. All the pumps are independent and steam driven. The steam generating plant consists of six single-ended multitubular boilers of the cylindrical type, designed for a working pressure of 180 pounds per square inch and fitted with Howden's system of forced draught and open stokeholds.

The Princess Charlotte is an improved edition of the Princess Victoria, built in 1902 by Messrs. Swan and Hunter, Newcastle on Tyne, for the C.P.R.

The Princess Charlotte was built as a 20-knot steamer but that she has a good margin of speed is certain. It is expected that during the coming season some new marks will be set as local records. The Princess Victoria was built as an 18-knot steamer. She has done 22.9 knots an hour.

STORM-WRACKED SHIPS ARE REACHING PORT

Charles E. Falk Blown North
After Losing Sails—Gotama
Wreck Blown Ashore

Another vessel which was damaged, almost wrecked, during the recent gales, the three-masted schooner Charles E. Falk, has arrived at Port Townsend. The schooner, bound from Gray's harbor to San Francisco, was driven since last Friday morning under the scantiest of jury rigs and forced north into Puget Sound before the storm.

The steamer almost foundered. The first of the gale came late Thursday afternoon, developed in a few minutes from a strong southeast wind to a storm so severe as to blow out the three great sails like paper. An attempt to raise a peak that might give steering way to run before the wind resulted in all the spare gear aboard being torn to shreds by the blasts that raged with a violence that no canvas could withstand. The Falk is the first sailing vessel to reach the Sound since the Christmas storm. Capt. Jacobson states that not in many years' experience has he seen more violent weather and should any but the staunchest craft have gotten into the full force of the storm wrecks could scarcely have been avoided.

The Falk awaited a tug off the Grays harbor bay when first encountering the storm. Without storage way she was driven so far on a northerly course that it was found impossible to recover the distance without more sail, with the intention of making Cape Flattery for repairs on Puget Sound. Capt. Jacobson met with exceedingly heavy weather Monday night. The jibs that had been improved from the bits of remaining canvas were blown to tatters. By rare good fortune the direction of the wind sent the schooner into the straits and far towards this port by morning. The Falk carries a crew of nine, all of whom are nearly prostrate by the hardships undergone by them in the great storm.

The wreck of the schooner Gotama, abandoned off the Washington coast, has been washed ashore seven miles south of Westport, and is going to pieces. Mrs. F. W. Gruggel, wife of the captain of the lost Gotama, tells a thrilling story of the privations endured when the Gotama was wrecked. She said: "The men were all as good to me as they could be and fixed a board in the wheelhouse to serve as a bunk for me to lie on. I could lie down, but I could not keep dry, as the water poured in through the top. The rides served to keep us from being battered to pieces, and if it had not been for that wheelhouse we could never have lived through our experience. Just think of eight persons being shut up in a small room, no larger than an ordinary state room, for three days!

I was soaked all the time we were held prisoners there and hardly dared to move for fear that I would go out of the window.

"My head was lying in the water part of the time and my feet were never really dry, although the cook would take off my stockings and wring the water out of them for me, which made them feel almost dry when they were pulled on again.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Partly cloudy, wind southeast, 1 mile an hour. In, steamer Watson last night. Out, U. S. steamship Buffalo.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southwest, 5 miles an hour. Out, steamer St. Helens. Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 15 miles an hour. Out, ship Falls of Dee, at 3.35 p.m.

By Wireless
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Part cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.20, temp. 32. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Clear, a light southeast wind. Bar. 30.12, temp. 33. No shipping.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Partly cloudy, wind southeast, 1 mile an hour. Bar. 30.25, temp. 33. Out, U. S. steamship Buffalo, 5.45 p.m. In, steamer Watson, at 9 p.m.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Clear, light northeast breeze. Bar. 30.10, temp. 32. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Eatona, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a southeast breeze. Bar. 30.27, temp. 31. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southwest, 5 miles an hour. Bar. 30.31, temp. 42. Out, steam schooner St. Helens, at 3.30 a.m.

Estevan, noon—Part cloudy, east breeze. Bar. 30.31, temp. 37. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.23, temp. 39.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.20, temp. 35. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 15 miles an hour. Bar. 30.23, temp. 37. Out, British bark Falls of Dee, at 3.30 p.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind east. Bar. 30.31, temp. 35. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, light easterly breeze. Bar. 30.16, temp. 36. Sea smooth. No shipping.

"And then I remembered suddenly that I had not prayed because I was so excited. I always do pray when I am either at home or at sea and know that my prayers were heard. So I prayed fervently, and my prayer was answered by the arrival of the steamer Santa Monica, which sent a boat to our rescue. I was sorry to lose our little mascot, Nannie, and don't know how I came to forget her. I am done with the sea for all time.

Capt. Olson, of the steamer Santa Monica, which took off the shipwrecked company of the Gotama, has a medal from the U. S. Congress for rescuing 43 persons from the steamer San Bonita off Point Arena in 1905. Speaking of the rescue of the Gotama's crew he said:

"Although I was extremely dangerous to send away the schooner, it is the duty of all good men to help in times of trouble. There is no doubt that the Gotama's crew would have been lost with the vessel had we not arrived when we did. The schooner's sails were gone and she was drifting helplessly towards the breakers. After we rescued the crew and the animals we learned that an Angora goat had been forgotten in the excitement. This to me was a source of regret, for I would have liked to have taken off everything on board that had life."

The wrecked British bark Galena, which has been on Clatsop beach for a couple of years, has begun to show signs of breaking up as she is now far on the beach, turned nearly broadside and her hold full of sand. She has shown considerable change since the recent storm as before there was always considered to be a good chance to take her off.

EMPRESS WAS DELAYED

Heavy Weather Encountered By the
White Liner on Way to Yokohama

The Empress of Japan, which left Victoria on Dec. 10 for Hongkong, encountered terrible weather on the run across the Pacific and as a result was two days late in reaching Yokohama. The vessel was due at the Japanese port on Dec. 23, but did not arrive until Dec. 25. On the passage out she was swept by seas which simply buried the fore's head and filled the forward well deck. The Empress had to slow down in order to make headway against the waves. The Australian liner Moana must also have met with storms, for she was late getting into Honolulu on the way to Sydney from here.

The Empress of India left Yokohama for Victoria on Sunday afternoon with a small list of passengers in the saloon and 110 in the steerage. She is bringing 1,400,000 pounds of overland freight, including 340 tons of raw silk. She has 150 tons of freight for Victoria and 110 tons for the rest of the coast.

The Empress of China, is scheduled to sail for the Orient today if the train is on time.

LIBELED THE UMATILLA

Owners of Steamer Utopia Seek
Village for Giving Succor to San Francisco Steamer

The Inland Navigation Company, owners of the steamer Utopia, of the Pacific Coast Company, for salvage, the Umatilla, on the afternoon of November 5, ran aground off Sealmahoo light, near Blaine, in the Georgia Strait, not far from the Canadian line. The Umatilla at the time she grounded, was in command of Capt. C. F.

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We can, by taking "Fruit-a-tives." "Fruit-a-tives" act directly on the stomach, liver, kidneys and skin, and keep these organs in perfect condition. "Fruit-a-tives" bring back lost appetite and sound digestion to the Dyspeptic—regulate the bowels of those who suffer from Constipation—and build up the whole system. Trial size 25c. Regular size 50c., or 6 for \$2.50.

Hall, who signalled distress to Capt. W. F. Drisko, of the Utopia, which was passing. The Utopia came to her assistance and towed her to deep water and a safe anchorage. The shaft and propeller blades of the Umatilla were so bent as to render her helpless.

The libelant claims that the Umatilla entered upon the task at her own peril, and that owing to the severe strain to her engines and boilers, was severely damaged.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.		
Vessel	From the Orient	Due
Monteagle	Jan. 5	Jan. 5
Kaga Maru	From Australia	Jan. 6
Aorangi	From Mexico	Jan. 14
Georgia	From Skagway	Jan. 16
Princess May	From Southern British Columbia ports	Jan. 7
Venture	From West Coast	Jan. 7
Princess Beatrice	From West Coast	Dec. 31
Tees	From San Francisco	Dec. 31
Queen	From San Francisco	Dec. 31
City of Puebla	From San Francisco	Jan. 5
Umatilla	From San Francisco	Jan. 10

Sailing Vessels.		
Vessel	Left	Date
Puritan	For the Orient	Jan. 5
Iyo Maru	For Australia	Jan. 5
Makura	For Mexico	Jan. 1
Lonsdale	For Skagway	Dec. 31
Princess May	For Southern British Columbia ports	Dec. 28
Camoun	For West Coast	Dec. 20
Princess Beatrice	For West Coast	Jan. 4
Venture	For West Coast	Jan. 6
Tees	For San Francisco	Jan. 1
Umatilla	For San Francisco	Jan. 2
City of Puebla	For San Francisco	Jan. 5
Queen	For San Francisco	Jan. 10

Local Steamers.		
Vessel	Left	Date
S. S. Princess Royal	For Victoria	Jan. 5
Leave Victoria	11:30 p. m. daily except Sunday	Arrive Victoria 2 p. m. daily except Monday
Leave Victoria	1:50 p. m. daily	Arrive Vancouver 6:50 a. m. daily
Leave Vancouver	1 p. m. daily	Arrive Victoria 6:00 p. m. daily
Leave Victoria	5 p. m. daily except Thursday	Arrive Victoria 8:30 p. m. daily

Vancouver-Victoria.		
Vessel	Left	Date
Leave Victoria	1:50 p. m. daily	Arrive Vancouver 6:50 a. m. daily
Leave Vancouver	1 p. m. daily	Arrive Victoria 6:00 p. m. daily
Leave Victoria	5 p. m. daily except Thursday	Arrive Victoria 8:30 p. m. daily

Vancouver-Nanaimo (E. & N. Ry.)		
Vessel	Left	Date
Leave Nanaimo	7 a. m.	Arrive Vancouver 2 p. m. daily except Sunday
Leave Vancouver	2 p. m. daily	Arrive Nanaimo 7 a. m. daily

Vancouver-Nanaimo (S. S. City of Nanaimo).		
Vessel	Left	Date
Leave Victoria	Tuesday at 7 a. m.	Arrive Nanaimo Tuesday at 4 p. m.
Leave Nanaimo	Saturday at 2 p. m.	Arrive Victoria Saturday at 9 p. m.
Leave Nanaimo	Wednesday at 7 a. m.	Arrive Union Bay and Comox Wednesday at 2 p. m.
Leave Union Bay and Comox	Thursday at 7 a. m.	Arrive Nanaimo Thursday at 2 p. m.
Leave Nanaimo	Friday 7 a. m.	Arrive Union Bay and Comox Friday at 2 p. m.
Leave Union Bay and Comox	Saturday at 7 a. m.	Arrive Nanaimo Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

Sidney to Gulf Islands.		
Vessel	Left	Date
Leave Sidney	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday on arrival of V. & S. train.	
Freight Rates.		
Destination—	Puget Sound or B.C.	
Sydney, 28s 9d to	30s	
Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s to	32s 6d	
Port Pirie	30s	
Freemantle	37s 6d	
River Plate Ports	47s 6d	
Japan ports	50s	

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Callao	40s to 42s 6d	
Direct to Nitrate Ports	40s to 41s 3d	
Valparaiso	40s to 41s 3d	
charge there and at one other port no north or Pisagua 2s 6d less direct	45s	
South Africa ports, Cape Town, Durban, Bay of Bengal	50s	
Direct port United Kingdom	50s	
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Balmora, Callao, July 18, for Antwerp, 15 per cent.		
Kentmore, New Caledonia, August 12, for New York, 10 per cent.		
Tallman, May 23, Lobos de Terra for Antwerp, 90 per cent.		

Recent Charters.		
S. S. "Sverra."		
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"Polaris."		
30s., Grays Harbor to Sydney.		
A. F. Coats."		
Puget Sound to Guaymas. Private terms.		
S. S. "Clan McInnes."		
Java to San Francisco. Private terms. (Owners on "Clan McInnes.")		
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

George Coughlan, of Vancouver, is visiting in the city.

Miss B. Bell, of Armstrong, is spending a few days here with her parents.

W. Young, of Saanichton, left for home yesterday by the V. & S.

Mr. G. Mackenzie, from Tod Inlet, is down in town for a few days.

J. Raymond returned by the steamer Whatcom yesterday from Seattle.

Swan Olson left yesterday via the Northern Pacific for San Jose, Cal.

Robert Campbell, of Olympia, is in the city. He is among the guests at the King Edward.

Capt. Rothwell, of Thetis Island is visiting Victoria. He is staying at the Empress.

G. Chandler, of Seattle, arrived in Victoria yesterday. He is staying at the Empress.

Miss C. Elbertson, of Portland, Ore., is spending a few days in Victoria. She is staying at the Empress.

Mrs. W. B. Shakespeare went over to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria.

A. G. Langley left this morning on the Princess Victoria on a short business trip to Vancouver.

R. F. Tolmie was a passenger from Seattle yesterday by the steamer Princess Royal.

H. E. A. Courtney returned from the sound by the steamer Whatcom yesterday.

W. A. Cutler was among the passengers from Vancouver yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria.

Mrs. T. Gore, of Oak Bay, entertained a few of her friends to tea at Oak Bay yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Watt, from the quarantine station, were in town for the ball at Government house on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Erbin, from Edmonds, Washington, are spending a few days in town.

J. White, of Sidney, visited Victoria yesterday. He returned in the afternoon.

Mrs. (Capt.) Sears left for Sidney by the afternoon V. & S. train of yesterday.

Gus McKinnon, of this city, has returned from Seattle where he spent Christmas with friends.

Miss Julia Campbell leaves today on an extended visit to friends in Vancouver.

Edwin Bennett, of Vancouver, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Alpha street.

T. O. Mackay has returned to Victoria, after a three months' business trip in the east.

F. W. Parker, general agent at Seattle of the Chicago Milwaukee lines, spent yesterday in the city on one of his regular business visits.

Mrs. Simpson intends giving a large children's ball some time early in January, invitations for which will be issued shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Grainger, from New York, left Victoria, where they have been enjoying a few days' visit, yesterday.

Miss A. Leigh, Miss A. Ives, Miss V. Mason and Miss A. Lee, from New York, are on a visit to Victoria for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Ferguson, of Saanichton, after a short stay in the city, returned home by the V. & S. train yesterday afternoon.

The Misses John and Miss Roberts, of Sidney, were in town yesterday. They were among the outgoing passengers on the afternoon V. & S. train.

tenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, who was beautifully gowned in pink, took their places at the end of the ballroom for the grand march part of the children. This was led by the Misses Grace Cameron and Frances Briggs holding garlands of pink roses, and it was a really beautiful sight.

Indeed, the whole affair was extremely pretty, and enjoyable in every way, and the committee are much to be congratulated on the complete success of their entertainment.

The ball broke up a little after two o'clock. The committee consisted of Mrs. Marion Fell, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Edgar McMicking, Miss Muriel Dunsmuir, the Daughters of Pity and Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes and Mrs. Simpson received the children and other guests.

So many picturesque costumes were noticed that it would be invidious to mention any one in particular.

Amongst the many guests the following were present:

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, Miss Muriel Dunsmuir, Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Miss Philippa Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Bodwell, Mrs. Basil Combe, Mrs. Vivian Combe, Mrs. Little, Miss Margaret Little, Mrs. F. H. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Singleton, Miss Nancy Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Isabel Wilson, Miss Doris Wilson, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. and Mrs. Parjeau, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, Miss Jeanne Parjeau, Mrs. J. K. Worstfold, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Miss Rhodes, Miss Ruby Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Miss Jones, Miss Dorothy Jones, Miss M. Jones, Miss Rissmuller, Mrs. Love, Mrs. and Mrs. Nauman, Mrs. MacLure, Miss MacLure, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Monteth, Mrs. B. Gaudin, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Robinson, the Misses Page, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. H. Briggs, Miss J. Robinson, Miss Alison Beauland, Miss Marion Fell, Miss Hisecock, Miss Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ker and Miss Davida Ker, Russell, Ker, the Misses Margaret and Dorothy Carlin, Abdenoch de Kerpeldron, Dr. and Mrs. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warner, Mrs. Nathaniel Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lagrin, the Misses Lagrin, Miss Angus, Miss McQuade, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Helmcken, the Misses Helmcken, Miss Denise Harris, Mrs. Rattenbury, Miss Mary Rattenbury, Miss Margaret Scott, Miss Blossom Fawcett, Miss Olive Fawcett, Miss R. Newman, Miss Cayser, Miss Taylor, Miss Bessie

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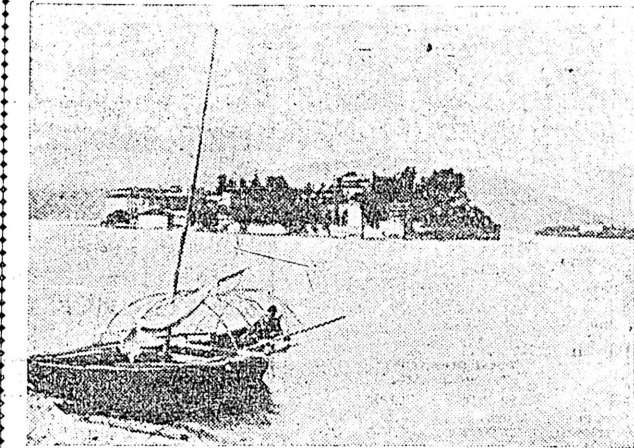
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A View of Catania

Miss Duval, of the Royal Oaks, after a brief sojourn here with friends, left for home by yesterday afternoon's train.

Kenneth Duncan, of Duncan, is in the city on business. He came down on the noon train yesterday, and is staying at the King Edward hotel.

Mrs. Burick has rented her house on School street, and is staying at Mrs. Dumbleton's on Michigan street for the winter.

Dr. Fagan, provincial health officer, left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Remfrey, of Vancouver, who have been making a short stay in the city, returned home last evening on the Princess Victoria.

E. E. Welch, of the Vancouver-Prince Rupert meat market, went over to Vancouver this morning on a business trip.

R. W. Walker, of Guelph, was among yesterday's arrivals from the mainland. He is at the King Edward and expects to be here several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus T. Macdonald, of Winnipeg, who have been spending the past three weeks in the city, returned to the east, called thither by the illness of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Keating's Crossing, were among those who arrived in the city by the V. & S. train yesterday. They returned in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Grimshaw, of Spokane, who have been making a week's visit with friends here, left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on their return home.

Mr. C. W. Rogers, the confectioner of Government street, who is somewhat, but not seriously, indisposed, has entered St. Joseph's hospital for treatment.

Mr. J. J. Riddle and Miss Olive Rothwell were married at noon on Monday in Winnipeg Cottage on Cadboro Bay, by the Rev. T. E. Holling, pastor of the Metropolitan church.

C. H. Dickie, of Duncan, was among the passengers from up the line by the noon train yesterday. While here, he is making his headquarters at the King Edward.

J. J. Gullivan and wife, of Vancouver, are spending a few days in Victoria. They came over yesterday and are registered at the King Edward hotel.

Government House was the scene of a brilliant function on Monday evening, when the Daughters of Pity gave their annual Cinderella dance in aid of the Children's ward of the Royal Jubilee hospital.

The ball was very largely attended and many very beautiful dresses, fancy and otherwise, were noticed.

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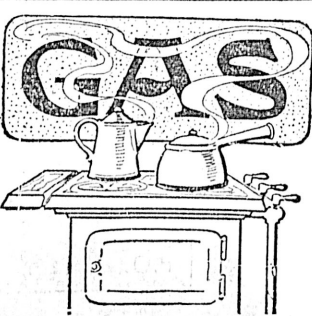
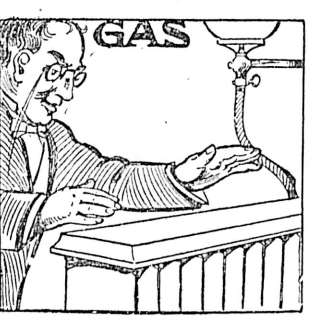
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STANFORD HAS WON THE KEITH TROPHY

Students Defeated Vancouver Rugby Team in Classy Match

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—The handsome Cooper-Keith trophy, representing international rugby championship of the Pacific coast, will accompany the Stanford university team when it leaves for home, for, at Brockton Point today, the Cardinals repeated their victory of Christmas Day and by a score of ten points to three clinched their claim to the silverware for which they have been striving for two seasons. That they thoroughly deserve it no one will deny for the wearers of red have made wonderful strides in what to most of them was absolutely a new game and the type of rugby they put up is of a vigorous kind with plenty of speed among the backs and exceptionally good kicking power.

Vancouver was not heavy enough in the forward line to successfully hold down the burly Stanford front division, but they fought hard and towards the end of the game more than held their own. It was chiefly a forward's battle, and a battle of a hard kind and the result was that stoppages for injuries were numerous. Babe Crawford, the fine Stanford forward, was the first to suffer, getting a severe blow in the face, and then Dick Bell-Irving was injured in stopping a man, and retired with a twisted knee. Long John Miller, of Stanford, and Bryant, of Vancouver, were also laid out for a brief period, and the maimed and hurt players who limped to the cars testified to the fact that Vancouver had not yielded the Keith cup without a struggle.

Where the Stanfords shone more than anywhere else was in fast work among their forwards, who followed up at remarkable speed, Miller being especially noticeable. Babe Crawford

set the pace and his men backed him up nobly, Cheda, Terrill and Higley working all they knew. When Stanford kicked the forwards were down on the Vancouver man, who caught the ball before he could get away, and their tackling was deadly. When a Cardinal player got hold of a man he brought him down with no room for mistake and they were very sure. It was this that prevented the deadly Vancouver rushes at end of game from resulting in scores. Man after man would get the ball and each would be taken care of by the Cardinals as they came up.

It was a pity that both teams did not open out the game more. It was a beautiful day, with the ground in good shape, although a trifle on the slippery side when the ball was taken out by tramping, but it was most tantalizing to see the Stanford backs put in a round of passing which proved they could play a back game in great style if they were given the opportunity. On the few occasions when they were given a chance the Cardinals showed remarkable speed and handled accurately. Their passing was snappy and well timed and they wished to see lots more of their powers.

REFEREE AWARDS FOLEY DECISION

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First round and Merrifield had shot out his left and right in a business-like way that brought cheers from his supporters. Foley was back with a light hit to the jaw and then Merrifield jabbed with his left to the nose. The Nanaimo fighter swung and the Victorian cleverly dodged and the air whistled above his head. In recovering, the local lightweight received a jarring punch flush on the cheek. After a sharp exchange Merrifield landed a heavy blow with his right to the head and rushed his opponent to the ropes. Foley successfully blocked three blows as the going sounded. It was easily Merrifield's round.

Foley's Rush

No sooner had time been called than Foley was out of his chair like a shot

from a cannon, meeting Merrifield almost before he left his corner with a series of swings to the head and body that almost swept him off his feet. But the Victorian covered quickly and the lively Nanaimo lad found himself wasting his energy on what seemed to be but a muffled bunch of padding. The shock reslated, Merrifield came back with an attack equally as vicious to the delight of the crowd. In this Merrifield shook Foley with a smash to the side of the head, following it up with another to the face and forcing his opponent to the ropes. Then Foley did a little capping and Merrifield landed again on the nose just as time expired. Again honors were in favor of the Victorians.

Merrifield Groggy

It was an even break in the third round. Foley swung to Merrifield's head once or twice and the latter got in some severe upper cuts and body shots during some in-fighting. On rising for the fourth they closed quickly and the local man brought his right up to the face while Foley, breaking away, swung wildly, cleaving a hole in the atmosphere. Merrifield blocked another attack and after landing two heavy rights to the body, it was the Victorian's round by long odds. The fifth, however, found Foley on the aggressive. In entering and breaking away from clinches he checked at the kidneys constantly while Merrifield smiled confidently. Then there came a sharp exchange, both uncovering. The Victorian was the first to take up a defensive attitude. He couldn't hold it, however, against the whirlwind of right and left swings which Foley brought to bear and soon Merrifield's head was being joggled to right and left and the smile faded away. He tottered and was plainly groggy but managed to stave off the irresistible coal miner until the end of the round.

In the sixth Merrifield came up bright and keen. He landed a hard right swing to Foley's jaw and the latter, earning retaliation in kind, they clinched. The going sounded with Merrifield in pursuit of the elusive little man. Foley was the aggressor in the seventh. Swings and uppercuts were landed out as bullets from a machine gun. They were partially blocked by Merrifield who got back a number of ineffective jabs to the face.

Went to Knees.

It was in the eighth that Merrifield first went to his knees and that marked the turning point in the battle. He started with a rush, crashing through Foley's guard with a right and left the echo of which was resounded in the rafters. Then he started a fusillade of sharp left jabs to the head and it was while thus amusing himself that Foley swung his right fiercely and landed on the side of Merrifield's head carrying the latter to the floor and drawing first blood. But he was up after the slightest hesitation and delivered a telling blow to the body. Time was up and the crowd applauded as their seconds took them in hand.

Merrifield missed a strong swing at the beginning of the ninth and Foley indulged in some light body blows before and after clinches. Then the Nanaimo boy loosened up and ran in with his right and left swinging with the force of a blacksmith's sledge hammer. Merrifield covered and Foley pummelled the tenth. Merrifield closing and delivering a right and left in quick succession. An upper cut from Foley brought some derisive words from Merrifield but they kept going hard and in the eleventh Foley again was in the aggressive occasionally becoming vicious, and endeavoring to coax his opponent from covering that he was using and which seemed to be puzzling to the minor.

Both Punished.

In the twelfth they both got crafty and it was practically a test of the respective ability to take punishment. After sparring Merrifield guarded a right swing but Foley followed it up like an avenging fury. He banged the local lad hither and thither in furious style and the latter took it all without a sign. Suddenly he straightened out and launched a right to Foley's heart and it was the Nanaimo lad's turn. He played possum and smiled while he acted as a punching bag. They both opened up with a sharp exchange, and honors were even as the round concluded.

Foley Changes Tactics.

From the thirteenth Foley danced about his opponent trying to induce him to open out a little but Merrifield stolidly maintained his ground, his right foot acting as a pivot on which he revolved to face the active Nanaimo representative. He refused to practice fancy foot exercises. In the

fourteenth Foley landed several stinging blows. One reached the head and Merrifield was shaken, moving to his corner in a dazed manner. The following round again found the minor the aggressor. He twisted and twirled hither and thither in bewildering style, dashing in for a right swing occasionally and backing out in time to avoid Merrifield's return. Exasperated the latter rushed. Foley dodged safely and an exchange followed in which honors were about even.

The same strategy was adopted by Foley in the seventeenth and eighteenth. He had abandoned close quarters and Merrifield had to open somewhat and in this he was comparatively at a loss. Merrifield's right taps often landed but were too light to count and frequently Foley sent one home to the body or head with a force that was jarring. In the nineteenth they mixed at the start but Foley had the most life and it ended by the Victorian again seeking cover and the Nanaimo glove artist striving to find an opening. Just as the going sounded Merrifield straightened and rushed swinging both his right and left but without effect.

Merrifield Helpless.

From the outset of the twentieth Foley pummelled Merrifield. The latter was incapable of taking the aggressive and the Nanaimo lad had ginger to spare. Eventually he broke the Victorian's guard and two heavy swings, from the right and left, to his head sent him into dreamland. He tottered and the chief of police interfering. Harry Dod declared Foley the winner amid the congratulatory plaudits of the latter's supporters.

Spirited Preliminary.

Before the opening of the principal bout an exhibition six rounds was given by Messrs. Rodkin and Thomas, of H. M. S. Egeria. They handled the gloves with sailor's customary energy and their interpretation of the many art furnished much amusement. Saunders refereed.

BENDRODT vs. BALDWIN

Three Skating Races Arranged to Take Place Here Next Month

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Section 178.
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taught by J. W. P. Huxley, conductor of the Alexandra Mandolin and Guitar Club, late professor of Banjo Mandolin and Guitar at Alberta College, Edmonton. Phone A1144. Studio 312-Victoria street. 215

SLAUGHTER SALE—A carload of de-
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shaper, one 8-in. moulder, one small planer, one 12-in. planer, also six horses. Taylor Mill Co., Ltd. 216 Government street. P. O. Box 628. 210

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP

WANTED—Two waitresses. Apply at
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WANTED—Housekeeper, to look after
two children and cook. Apply in first instance to the Windsor Grocery Co., City. 229

WANTED—A girl for general house-
work in small family. Telephone B1716. 229

WANTED—Experienced chocolate dip-
pers wanted. Apply Popham Bros., Victoria West. 229

WANTED—Woman or girl for house-
work. Apply 1422 Stanley Ave. 227

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WANTED—Experienced fire insurance canvasser, salary and commission to good man, who must devote the whole of his time to work. Colonist, 525, office. 229

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WANTED—Good reliable business man
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WANTED—Man and wife for Island
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SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE
ENGLISH WOMAN wants work as a cook. Good drying ground. 524, Colonist. 229

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WANTED—TO PURCHASE
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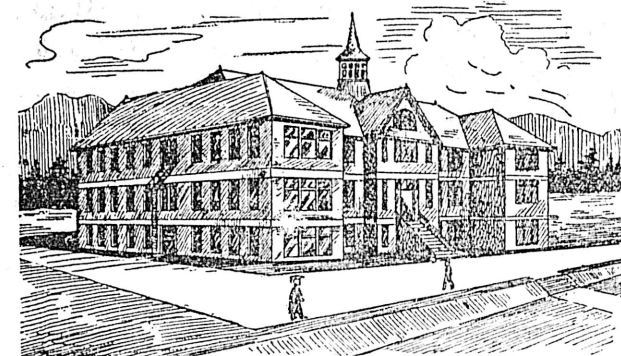
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UPWARD MOVEMENT OF PRICES WAS BRIEF

Buyers on Monday's Rise Were Eager to Secure Their Profits

New York, Dec. 29.—The rate at which prices started upwards with the resumption of dealings in stocks after the Christmas holidays was maintained on the second day of operations. Just what sentiment or opinion may have prompted the moderating of the movement is not clear, but a substantial check was put in the way of the offerings to sell at the higher prices, for the level at the outset today was considerably higher. At the close of the day, one point losses were numerous. Probably the decline was caused by confidence that conditions favor genuine investment buying, which it would be unwise to discourage.

Profit-taking was an influence on some of the speculative bonds as well as stocks, and the tone of the bond division was rather irregular.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 29.—Chances favor a strong closing at the end of the week and higher prices should follow on January 1. An increased freight tariff for 1904 is a factor in future earnings of railroads not generally comprehended by the public.

This Haver group of stocks are all good and Mr. Hawley himself in all the depression was most optimistic as to the various properties in which he is interested. He is looking for a moderate Southern deal and we look for others of similar importance.

Steel common has turned the market into activity again and looks like higher figures for steel.

The Norfolk and Western Railway company declared the usual semi-annual dividend of two per cent on the common stock, payable February 15 to stock of record February 3rd.

With Alton earning 11 per cent stockholders must not be divided and if it does this Toledo Southern common would get money for dividends. Toledo preferred already pays four per cent.

Selling is unimportant and we would pick up stocks on the drives, and buy Brooklyn on any good reaction.

	High.	Low.	Close.
Allis Chalmers	16	15 1/2	15 3/4
do pfd	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/4
Amal. Copper	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/4
Am. Can. Co.	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/4
Am. Oil	42 1/2	42	42
do pfd	95	94 1/2	94 1/2
Amer. Loco.	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
do pfd	102 1/2	102 1/4	102 1/4
Amer. Smelt.	85 1/2	85	85
do pfd	103 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Amer. Sugar	130	129 1/2	129 1/2
do pfd	125 1/2	125	125
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4
Amer. Woolen	29	28 1/2	28 1/2
do pfd	94 1/2	94 1/4	94 1/4
Atlantic Coast	109 1/2	109	109
Atlantic Coast pfd	101 1/2	101	101
B. and O.	117 1/2	117	117
do pfd	110 1/2	110	110
B. C. T.	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
B. C. C. and S. L.	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
C. P. R.	177 1/2	177	177
do pfd	177 1/2	177	177
C. and A.	65 1/2	65	65
C. and G. W.	13 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
do pfd	16 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
C. and N. W.	185 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2
C. M. and S. P.	149 1/2	149	149
do pfd	161 1/2	161	161
Cent. Leather	33 1/2	33	33
do pfd	40 1/2	40	40
C. F. and L.	41 1/2	41	41
do pfd	65 1/2	65	65
Colorado South.	57 1/2	57	57
do pfd	72 1/2	72	72
do 2s pfd	74 1/2	74	74
Con. Gas	164 1/2	164	164
Con. Products	164 1/2	164	164
do pfd	17 1/2	17	17
D. and H.	181 1/2	180 1/2	180 1/2
D. and R. G.	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
do pfd	81 1/2	81	81
Distillers	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
do pfd	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
do 2s pfd	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Gen. Elec.	160 1/2	159 1/2	159 1/2
do pfd	124 1/2	124	124
Gen. N. O. Cfs.	74 1/2	74	74
Gen. N. O. pfd	148 1/2	148	148
Illinois Cent.	148 1/2	148	148
Inter-Met.	13 1/2	13	13
do pfd	43 1/2	43	43
Int. Paper	56 1/2	56	56
do pfd	34 1/2	34	34
Int. Pump	34 1/2	34	34
Int. Central	32 1/2	32	32
do pfd	52 1/2	52	52
L. and N.	124 1/2	124	124
Mackay	75 1/2	75	75
do pfd	69 1/2	69	69
Mexican Cent.	24 1/2	24	24
M. S. P. S. M.	132 1/2	132	132
do pfd	151 1/2	151	151
M. K. and T.	43 1/2	43	43
do pfd	42 1/2	42	42
Missouri Pac.	67 1/2	67	67
National Lead	78 1/2	78	78
do pfd	64 1/2	64	64
Nevada Cons.	124 1/2	124	124
N. Y. Central	124 1/2	124	124
N. Y. O. and W.	47 1/2	47	47
N. and W.	85 1/2	85	85
Northern Pac.	144 1/2	144	144
Pacific Coast	36 1/2	36	36
Pacific Mail	132 1/2	132	132
Penns. Ry.	105 1/2	105	105
Peoples Gas	105 1/2	105	105
Predicted Steel	42 1/2	42	42
do pfd	102 1/2	102	102
Reading	142 1/2	142	142
do 1s pfd	90 1/2	90	90
do 2s pfd	26 1/2	26	26
Rep. Steel	87 1/2	87	87
Rock Island	25 1/2	25	25
do pfd	62 1/2	62	62
Southern Pac.	127 1/2	127	127
do pfd	125 1/2	125	125
Tenn. Copper	45 1/2	45	45
Texas Pacific	37 1/2	37	37
do pfd	48 1/2	48	48
T. S. L. and W.	49 1/2	49	49
do pfd	73 1/2	73	73
Twin City	96 1/2	96	96
Union Pac.	184 1/2	184	184
do pfd	95 1/2	95	95
U. S. Cast. I. Pipe	28 1/2	28	28
do pfd	75 1/2	75	75
U. S. Steel	55 1/2	55	55
do pfd	117 1/2	117	117
Utah Copper	48 1/2	48	48
Virginia Chem.	45 1/2	45	45
do pfd	114 1/2	114	114
Wabash	15 1/2	15	15
do pfd	50 1/2	50	50
Western Union	85 1/2	85	85
Westinghouse	85 1/2	85	85
Wisconsin Cent.	34 1/2	34	34
do pfd	48 1/2	48	48
Sou. Ry.	27 1/2	27	27
do pfd	63 1/2	63	63

Money on call, 2 1/2, 2 3/4 per cent.

Total sales, \$55,000 shares.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat—So far as the pit trade can see the position of the market is not so good as it was at the close of the week. The market has been in a position for some time to take care of itself. The bears have made considerable effort to force a break in prices, helped by the holiday dullness. They discovered today that they had made no headway, that they had not gotten deeper in the hole by short selling and that the market was coming congested and in a position for an advance. The last selling drive came today when the Liverpool cable made lower and caused May wheat to sell at 106 1/2 and July at 98 1/2. The market turned here and it was a bull rally from that point. The close of the May was up to 107 1/2 and July at 99 1/2. Stocks of wheat Europe and Africa showed further liberal decrease and are sixteen million bushels under last year. Weekly review of foreign crop commissions were favorable for

Russia, Germany and Hungary. There was a private Argentine cable here saying "storm doing damage to crops." B. W. Snow in a special report attempts to show why the average of the crop in wheat is given much too high by the Washington figures. Bull leaders took practically no hand in the market if supplies fall off in northwest and there is anything like a winter crop scare it will be an easy matter to bull wheat.

Corn—Local corn receipts fell under the estimate at 440 cars. Tomorrow there is a much smaller run of 227 cars, the increase of 60,000 bushels in Chicago total stocks and an increase of nearly two million bushels by Brazil streets in stocks east of the Rockies did not prevent the shorts getting nervous over promise of smaller receipts. The market was very quiet. There was only a moderate advance in oats prices and this was largely due to profit-taking suggested by the previous upturn. There is some January liquidation on corn.

Provisions—The early depression was largely due to profit-taking suggested by the previous upturn. There is some January liquidation on corn.

Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close.
Jan. 106 1/2 107 1/2 106 1/2 107 1/2
May 98 1/2 99 1/2 98 1/2 99 1/2
Sept. 95 1/2 96 1/2 95 1/2 96 1/2

Oats—Open. High. Low. Close.
Jan. 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2
May 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2
Sept. 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2

Barley—Open. High. Low. Close.
Jan. 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2
May 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2
Sept. 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2

Flour—Open. High. Low. Close.
Jan. 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2
May 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2
Sept. 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2

Wool—Open. High. Low. Close.
Jan. 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2
May 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2
Sept. 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2

Wool—Open. High. Low. Close.
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Russia, Germany and Hungary. There was a private Argentine cable here saying "storm doing damage to crops." B. W. Snow in a special report attempts to show why the average of the crop in wheat is given much too high by the Washington figures. Bull leaders took practically no hand in the market if supplies fall off in northwest and there is anything like a winter crop scare it will be an easy matter to bull wheat.

Corn—Local corn receipts fell under the estimate at 440 cars. Tomorrow there is a much smaller run of 227 cars, the increase of 60,000 bushels in Chicago total stocks and an increase of nearly two million bushels by Brazil streets in stocks east of the Rockies did not prevent the shorts getting nervous over promise of smaller receipts. The market was very quiet. There was only a moderate advance in oats prices and this was largely due to profit-taking suggested by the previous upturn. There is some January liquidation on corn.

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Have You Completed Your Buying of New Year's Gifts?

If not, you will find that the Big Store has plenty of nice things to offer you, and at prices that will appeal to you. The custom of giving at New Year's is an old and popular one—and justly so, as nothing can make the average person feel better in starting the New Year than to know that they have brought pleasure to their friends by thoughtful New Year gifts. We are now completing preparations for our January Sale, our Broad Street window being filled with bargains. It will pay you to look at them.

Men's Flannel Shirts

Some very attractive Flannel Shirts for men are just to hand that are particularly good values. They are:

IMPORTED ENGLISH FLANNEL SHIRTS best quality, made in pleasing stripes, full fashioned bodies and double stitched seams, each shirt with 2 separate collars to match, each, \$3.50 and.....\$2.75

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Make the little one a good useful New Year's present, one that will make the youngster more healthy and incidentally save you doctor's bills. These are a handsome line of folding go-carts, extra large and strong, complete with hoods, regular price \$15.00, price for today.....\$8.75

Handsome Library Suites

THREE-PIECE LIBRARY SUITE, of modern design, upholstered in genuine horsehide leather of marone color, suite comprises one settee, one arm chair, and one reception chair, mahogany finished frames. Price is.....\$130.00

FIVE-PIECE SUITE, in birch mahogany, frames upholstered in green armure. Price \$57.50

THREE-PIECE BIRCH MAHOGANY SUITE, in tapestry. Price.....\$52.50

THREE-PIECE SUITE, in birch mahogany frames, upholstered in silk tapestry. Price \$47.50

MASSIVE THREE-PIECE SUITE, with upholstered spring seats and backs, frames of birch mahogany, covered in green English tapestry. Price is.....\$124.00

THREE-PIECE SUITE, in birch mahogany frames, upholstered in Genoa velvet. Price \$45.00

THREE-PIECE BIRCH MAHOGANY SUITE, in red silk tapestry. Price.....\$42.50

High Grade Drawing Room Suites

LOUIS XVI. THREE-PIECE SUITE, in solid mahogany frames, upholstered in cream silk brocade. Price.....\$212.00

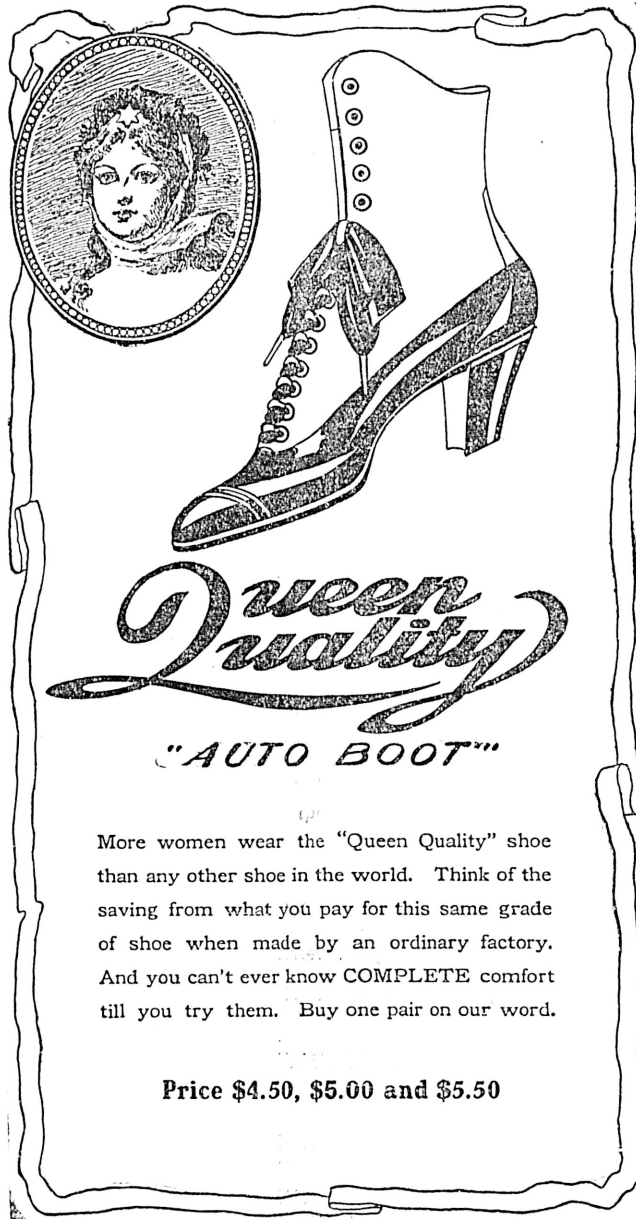
THREE-PIECE "ROCO" DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in solid mahogany frames, upholstered in brocade of the period. Price is.....\$160.00

TWO-PIECE "CHIPPENDALE" SUITE, in solid mahogany frames, upholstered in cream silk brocade. Price is.....\$160.00

THREE-PIECE SOLID MAHOGANY CHIPPENDALE SUITE, upholstered in red silk moire. Price.....\$130.00

THREE-PIECE "COLONIAL" DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in solid mahogany frames, upholstered in silk brocade. Price is.....\$127.00

No. 443—"COLONIAL" THREE-PIECE SUITE, of solid mahogany frames, upholstered in green silk. Price.....\$125.00



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MEN'S FINE HEAVY RIBBED WOOL COAT SWEATERS, all sizes, well made and finished with white pearl buttons, plain white and white trimmed with green, white trimmed with red and white trimmed with blue, each.....\$3.00

MEN'S HEAVY RIBBED WOOL COAT SWEATERS, size 34 to 40 chest measurement, made with pockets and finished with white pearl buttons, grey trimmed blue, grey trimmed red, blue trimmed red, blue trimmed grey, red trimmed blue, brown trimmed red, each.....\$3.50

Odd Pieces Furniture

Suitable for Drawing Room, Library or Den

SOLID MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, of Colonial type, upholstered in silk tapestry. Price is.....\$60.00

"FIRESIDE" EASY CHAIR, upholstered in silk brocade. Price is.....\$60.00

"CHIPPENDALE" MAHOGANY SETTEE, in "Arras" Tapestry. Price.....\$120.00

PIANO BOX DIVAN, upholstered in green silk. Price \$67.50

MAHOGANY ROCKER, in Red English Tapestry. Price \$32.50

MAHOGANY ROMAN CHAIR, in silk brocade. Price..\$28.00

SOLID MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, in Red English Tapestry. Price.....\$27.50

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, in green tapestry. Price.....\$26.00

ARM RECEPTION CHAIRS, in Genoa velvet, birch mahogany frames. Price.....\$24.00

"COLONIAL" ARM CHAIR, in mahogany, with tapestry-covered seat. Price.....\$21.00

"CRESCENT" EASY CHAIRS, upholstered in fine brocade. Price.....\$35.00

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIRS, with tapestry-covered seats. Price.....\$20.00

ARM CHAIR, in silk brocade, birch mahogany frame. Price is.....\$18.50

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIRS, in silk brocade. Price is.....\$18.50

"CORNER" CHAIRS, in green silk, birch mahogany frames. Price.....\$17.50

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, upholstered in green repp. Price.....\$17.50

MAHOGANY ARM CHAIRS, upholstered in silk taborette. Price.....\$17.50

MAHOGANY RECEPTION CHAIRS, in silk brocade. Price is.....\$16.50

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, in red tapestry. Price is.....\$14.50

MAHOGANY RECEPTION CHAIR, with brocade covered seat. Price.....\$13.50

ARM CHAIR, in green silk, birch mahogany frame. Price \$17.50

JANUARY SALE BARGAINS

See Broad Street Window Display of Bargains on Sale Monday, January 4th, 1909

Dinner Wagons and Serving Tables

SOLID QUARTERED OAK DINNER WAGON, in Early English, size of top is 50 in. x 20 in., has two small drawers and one large drawer. Price.....\$28.00

SOLID QUARTERED OAK DINNER WAGON, in the golden finish, same size as above. Price.....\$28.00

GOLDEN OAK DINNER WAGON, same size as above. Price.....\$24.00

EARLY ENGLISH DINNER WAGON, with 16 in. x 40 in. top and two drawers, and three shelves. Price.....\$24.00

SERVING TABLE, in the Early English. Price.....\$11.00

GOLDEN OAK DINNER WAGONS, with 16 in. x 38 in. top and one drawer. Price is.....\$15.50

MASSIVELY BUILT DINNER WAGON, in the golden finish. Price.....\$24.00

DINNER WAGONS, in the golden finish, with two drawers. Price.....\$20.00

GOLDEN OAK DINNER WAGONS, with 17 in. x 42 in. top and one long drawer. Price is.....\$15.50

SOLID QUARTERED OAK DINNER WAGONS, with 17 in. x 42 in. top. Price is.....\$20.00

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